

# Have We Dodged a Bullet?



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Let's play the game of "What If?" It's foolish but it's fun. And we just might have to do some serious thinking about this scenario, if only to make sure it never happens.

What if the U.S. Supreme Court had ruled "Well, yeah, sure—of course the state of Colorado can kick Donald Trump off the ballot for this year's presidential election"? I mean, instead of ruling unanimously, 9-0, that states can't do that. But let's imagine that they can.

The first thing that happens is that various Blue states hop on board to erase Trump from the ballot. With each state that does so, pressure mounts on other states to do the same. Sooner or later the Red states retaliate by kicking Jobyidin off their presidential ballots—say, for refusing to enforce our immigration laws and using his office for his family's corrupt financial gain.

Suddenly all 50 states are involved and the two major party candidates are not to be found sharing space on any single state's ballot. How do you even hold a presidential election under such chaotic circumstances? But we try anyhow because we don't know what else to do.

In all the confusion, voter turnout hits new lows. And we have news items like this:

FLASH! Retired paper-hanger Billy Bob Socko, write-in candidate for the Jidrool Party, secures New Mexico's five electoral votes with a total of 97 popular votes (and he had to knock on who knows how many doors just to get that!)

Ferocious political infighting within the states results in no candidate getting anything remotely near a majority vote for president. (FLASH! Tour guide Alice LaFong, with 138 popular votes, is the leading candidate to corral California's 54 electoral votes. The fact that she passed away in 2022 made no impression on her voters.)

Chaos! Remember 1981, when President Reagan was felled by an assassin? And Alexander Haig, secretary of state, proclaimed "I am in control here, in the White House." He wasn't, of course: he wasn't the vice president, and probably couldn't have passed a course in civics. But for a moment there, he almost brought on a Constitutional crisis. What if he had tried to make it stick?

What if, what if... Who winds up being president, in our disastrous (and hopefully fantastic) scenario? "Guess I'd just better stay where I am until we solve this"—would Biden say that? Or would General Silly Milly step up to the plate? "I chaired the Joint Chiefs of Staff, somebody has to be in charge and it looks like it's gotta be me!" Presto! A military coup. Third World, here we come.

The Supreme Court's 9-0 ruling, we fervently hope, has spared us a national pie fight. But we're not out of the woods yet. We do not know how far Democrats will go, to stay in power. Pray we never find out. We have drifted into murky waters, a fog has descended on us, and we don't know where we'll come out.

Pray harder.

I have discussed this and other topics throughout the week on my blog, <http://www.leeduigon.com/> . Take time out from

counting however many votes you've received for president, click the link, and drop in for a visit. My articles can also be found at [www.chalcedon.edu/](http://www.chalcedon.edu/) .

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