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Inside Track

Pro-Swedish Political Party Now Sweden's Most Popular



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In a historic shift, the anti-immigration Sweden Democrats (*Sverigedemokrater*, SD) has become its nation's most popular party just nine years after first winning seats in Parliament, a new poll finds. According Swedish polling company Demoskop, SD has an almost two- percentage-point advantage over the Social Democrats, which has dominated the Nordic country's politics since the 1930s.

As the *Telegraph* reported November 15:

According to a poll published on Friday in the *Aftonbladet* newspaper, the populist party now has the support of 24 percent of voters, compared to just 22.2 percent for the Social Democrats, the lead party in the country's current coalition government.

"I'm not surprised. I've long argued we would be the biggest party sooner or later," party leader Jimmie Åkesson told the *Aftonbladet* newspaper.

"We've been talking constructively over gang criminality, escalating insecurity, and a migration policy that doesn't work for so many years."

With native Swedes long having a below-replacement-level fertility rate (<2.1 children per woman), their country's population has swelled from a bit more than eight million in 1970 to more than 10 million today *almost entirely due to (im)migration*. The result is that once-homogeneous Sweden's foreign-born are now almost two million strong, constituting 18.5 percent of the population.

This demographic and cultural sea change has fueled SD's rise — despite the left-leaning, mainstream media's best efforts. That is to say, the press typically describes the party as "far right," as exemplified by the *Telegraph*, the *Local*, and *Deutsche Welle*. Yet, in reality, SD embraces standard Western European statism; in fact, one of its criticisms of immigration is that it's "wrecking" Swedish social welfare.

Yet opposing immigration and advocating a "Swexit" referendum, giving Swedes the opportunity to



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leave the European Union, earns the party the far-right label. And when SD isn't being stigmatized as "far right," it's called "anti-immigrant." Reasonable? Or is this like labeling a family resistant to squatters on its lawn "anti-neighbor"?

By Selwyn Duke

Anti-Trump Drudge Report's Traffic Declines as Conservatives Flee

DRUDGE REPORT

Et tu, Drudge? This is an increasingly common conservative lament now that the Drudge Report, the leviathan of news aggregators, has turned left. In fact, it appears that Drudge is continuing to bleed conservative readers, with one observer likening its woes to the collapse of Enron Corporation, the once ballyhooed American energy, commodities, and services company that became immersed in scandal and declared bankruptcy in 2001. And as Drudge declines, competitors such as anti-establishment news aggregator Whatfinger.com appear to be reaping the benefits.

After registering an August-September decline, Drudge's readership went further south in the September-October period, dropping the site 338 places in global traffic rankings, according to Web statistics site Similar Web. In fact, the "negative numbers are beginning to resemble one of the models employed to predict corporate disasters," asserted True Pundit November 13.

The site continues, "One of the things you learn as a Certified Fraud Examiner is forensic accounting and modeling and Drudge's recent and quick mud slide of web traffic is starting to look like the Enron model."

"I have used the Enron model — specifically the schematics of its plummeting stock index — as a barometer for pinpointing problematic corporate warning signs, trap doors, and wayward executives and it rarely fails," True Pundit then writes.

"Drudge's overall web traffic is down nearly 18 percent in September and October, according to the tracking metrics on Similar Web. That's a massive and accelerated slide from approximately 93 million visits to 77 million," the site continues.

Drudge is now, True Pundit concludes, haunted by "the ghosts of Enron."

The issue? As CD Media wrote October 6 in "Winning! Whatfinger Takes Business From Newly Anti-



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Trump Drudge,” “If you haven’t noticed, the Drudge Report has gone off the rails politically, now firmly in the anti-Trump camp, with daily questionable headlines pushing the anti-Trump narrative of the Left.”

By Selwyn Duke

Presidential Milestone: Trump Has Confirmed Over 150 Federal Judges



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In early November, President Trump hit a milestone that the major media largely ignored. In the time that he has occupied the White House, the president has had over 150 federal judges confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

In a November 6 White House celebration attended by Republican lawmakers and other supporters of the president, Trump noted that the actual number of confirmed federal judges is 159, “and we should have, within the next short period of time — like two months — we should have about 182 federal judges.”

Thanking those assembled, Trump said that “together we are restoring American freedom, defending American justice, preserving the extraordinary vision of our Founding Fathers.”

In a press release, the White House noted that among those confirmed were 112 nominees to district courts and 43 to appeals courts, along with two hard-fought confirmations of Supreme Court justices, Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh. Additionally, the Republican-led Senate will shortly confirm Trump’s 44th appeals court judge.

Among those Trump highlighted for their strategic help in filling the judgeships was Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), predicting that “generations from now, Americans will know that Mitch McConnell helped save the constitutional rule of law in America.”

In a Twitter post after the event, McConnell noted that with the latest confirmations, “one in every four judges on the federal courts of appeals will have been nominated by Trump and confirmed by us here in the Senate. That’s 45 new lifetime appellate judges committed to the key principle that judges should apply our laws and the Constitution as they are actually written, not as the judge might personally wish



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they'd been written."

Among the Republican lawmakers who congratulated Trump on the milestone was Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas), who wrote in an op-ed that "few legacies will be longer lasting than this judicial one. These new judges are principled constitutionalists who have demonstrated excellence and professionalism throughout their legal careers."

By Dave Bohon

San Francisco's New DA: It's OK to Publicly Urinate on the Street



AP Images

Along with a severe housing crisis, impossibly high real-estate prices, and soaring crime and homelessness problems, San Francisco has a huge filth and stench factor to deal with. Public streets, sidewalks, and parks are strewn with garbage, needles and other drug paraphernalia, and feces (from humans and dogs). And widespread public urination is adding to the unpleasant aroma, threatening to kill the City by the Bay's status as a top tourist destination. Even the city's liberal-left mayor, London Breed, has admitted the situation is dire. "I will say there is more feces on the sidewalks than I've ever seen growing up here," Breed said in a television interview. "That is a huge problem and we are not just talking about from dogs — we're talking about from humans."

But, if anything, the city's incoming district attorney, Chesa Boudin, is likely to make matters worse. Boudin was announced as the winner on Saturday, November 9, after his opponent, acting District Attorney Suzy Loftus, conceded defeat in the closely contested race. In response to an American Civil Liberties Union questionnaire, candidate Boudin stated October 27: "We will not prosecute cases involving quality-of-life crimes. Crimes such as public camping, offering or soliciting sex, public urination, blocking a sidewalk, etc., should not and will not be prosecuted. Many of these crimes are still being prosecuted, we have a long way to go to decriminalize poverty and homelessness."

Senator Bernie Sanders exultantly tweeted his congratulations to Boudin on November 9: "Now is the moment to fundamentally transform our racist and broken criminal justice system by ending mass incarceration, the failed war on drugs and the criminalization of poverty. Congratulations @chesaboudin on your historic victory!"



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San Francisco's Chesa Boudin is the latest in a string of district attorney races targeted by ultra-left progressives in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, and elsewhere. Many of them have benefited from the lavish support of Justice & Public Safety PACs funded by globalist billionaire George Soros.

By William F. Jasper



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