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# White House pushes compromise on post office funding, stimulus checks

Chief of Staff Meadows signals Trump would sign bill with stimulus checks, liability protection for small businesses, PPP extension and post office funding

By [Evie Fordham](#) | Fox News



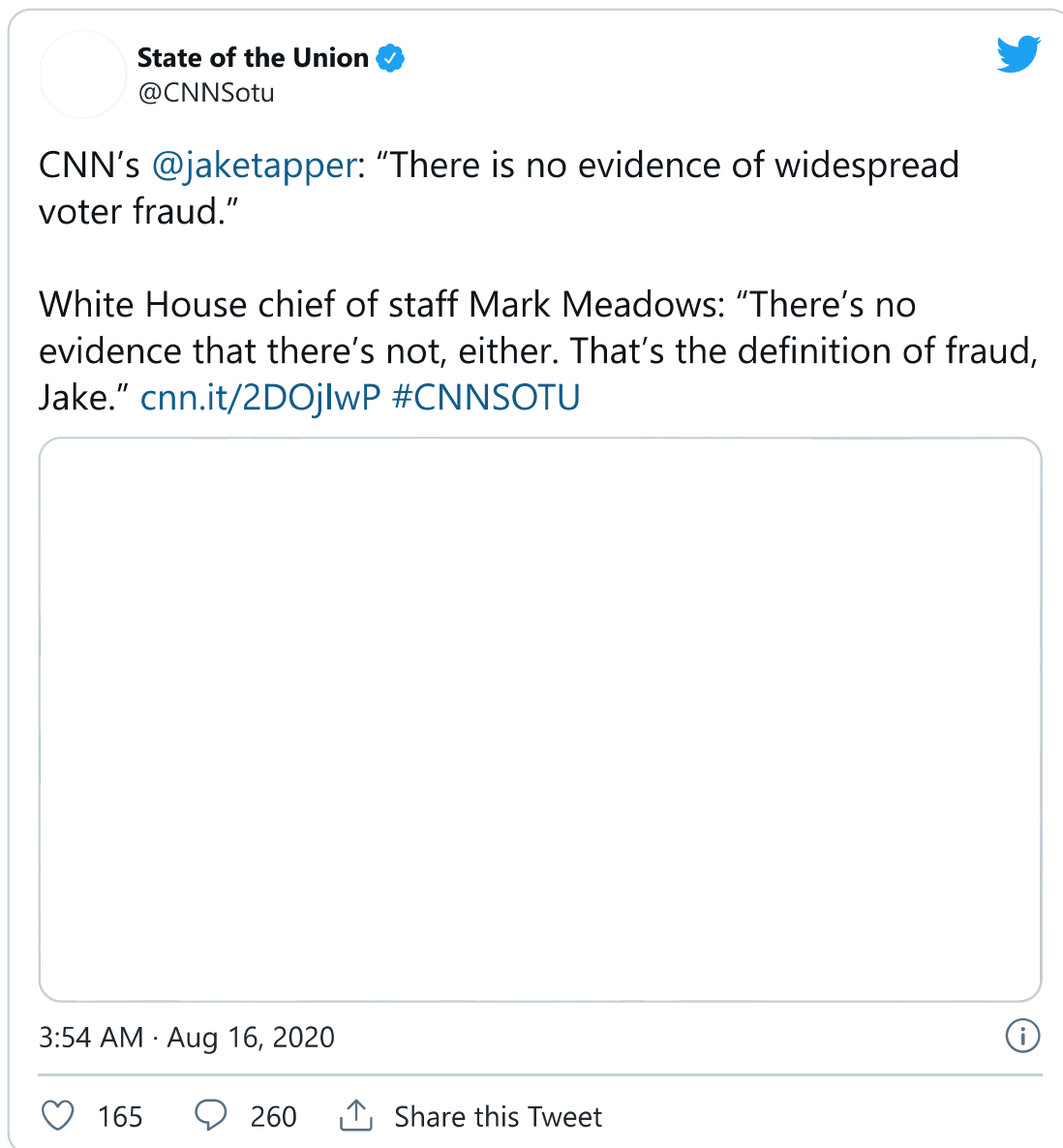
## Postal worker union head says vote-by-mail safe, calls partisan attacks against USPS 'shameful'

More Americans will be casting their ballots through the U.S. mail this year due to the strictures and health risks of the coronavirus pandemic, but the debate over whether it is feasible and safe continues to brew with a little more than 80 days till election day.

The [White House](#) is pushing for a congressional compromise on U.S. Postal Service funding and stimulus checks for individuals as House [Democrats](#) decry [President Trump's](#) threat to withhold funding for USPS and link it to the administration's opposition to universal mail-in voting.

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"If my Democrat friends are all upset about this, come back to Washington, D.C.," White House Chief of Staff [Mark Meadows](#) told CNN's "State of the Union." "Let's go ahead and get a stimulus check out to Americans. Let's make sure that small businesses are protected with an extended [Payroll Protection] Program and put the postal funding in there. We'll pass it tomorrow. The president will sign it."



"This will all go away because what we are seeing is Democrats are trying to use this to their political advantage," Meadows continued.

The [House of Representatives](#) is in recess for the rest of August. However, a senior member of House Democratic leadership told Fox News that it's a matter of "when not if" they come back this week or next to focus on USPS funding and, possibly, [coronavirus](#) relief funding.

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Meadows insisted that possible voter fraud, not strain on USPS, is what should give Americans pause about choosing the route of universal mail-in voting this November. The Postal Service processes and delivers more than [181 million](#) pieces of first-class mail every day.



Erica Koesler, left, and David Haerle, both of Los Angeles, demonstrate outside a USPS post office, Saturday, Aug. 15, 2020, in the Los Feliz section of Los Angeles. (AP Photo/Chris Pizzello)

"Even if every single voter voted by mail, we're talking about a 1.5% difference," Meadows said. "I was in the room when the Postmaster General said he's willing to pay overtime to make sure that that happens."

"What he opposes is universal mail-in ballots where you send millions of ballots out to registered voters across the country, even those that don't request it," he said. "Those rolls are not accurate. People move, people die. And yet when we are going to send out ballots all across the country, that's not just asking for a disaster. It really is knowing that what you're sending out is inaccurate."

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Such a "disaster" could mean months of not knowing the results of the 2020 presidential election, which could lead to the House, which is currently held by Democrats, deciding who becomes president if neither candidate wins a majority in the electoral college, Meadows said.

Fox News' John Roberts on Friday asked Trump if he would be willing to offer the \$25 billion for the ailing USPS, including \$3.5 billion in election resources, should Democrats be willing to cave on some of the demands Trump has voiced.

"Sure, if they give us what we want," the president [said](#) during a press conference. "And it's not what I want, it's what the American people want."

*Fox News' Chad Pergram, Leland Vittert and Morgan Phillips contributed to this report.*



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I know plenty of postal workers who are Veterans.

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there jerks too

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**RickyDick**

16 August, 2020

Meanwhile, in the real media, we find this gem of unpresidential conduct by the unresident:

"President Trump's drive to create confusion and undermine confidence in the election is accelerating, as he attacks mail-in voting and praises his postmaster general despite criticism over mail service and an investigation opened by the Postal Service's inspector general.

Mr. Trump spent much of Saturday on the attack against what he called "the mail-in scam," making charges without evidence that efforts by states to help people vote by mail in the pandemic would lead to widespread voter fraud — a claim that even some Republicans dispute. Mr. Trump has said that higher voter participation would hurt Republican candidates."

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P **PrometheusToo** > RickyDick

16 August, 2020

You call this the real media? What a joke. It is a thinly veiled opinion piece, as is most of the news from "the real media." If you can't see the bias displayed in their attempt to report news I pity you and those like you.

"President Trump's efforts to maintain confidence in the election is accelerating, as he questions the need and purpose of mail-in voting and praises his postmaster general despite criticism over mail service and an investigation opened by the Postal Service's inspector general.

Mr. Trump spent much of Saturday on the speaking against what he called "the mail-in scam," making charges that efforts by states to allow people vote by mail would lead to widespread voter fraud — a claim that some dispute." (Mr. Trump has said that higher voter participation would hurt Republican candidates.") The final sentence should be deleted. If The President did say that there should be quotations.

See that would be fair and honest reporting, as opposed to the biased inflammatory

reporting the left and really all of us have become accustomed to. This is why the title of "fake news" was coined.

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**LJPishere** > RickyDick

16 August, 2020

There is no actual evidence showing Mail In Voting actually works. It has been reported factually over the past several months of many cases where Mail In Voting failed. With as much as 20% of Mail In Ballots being rejected in some districts. Other ballots being sent to the wrong states. Ballots mailed from unofficial/non government groups, etc....

You are an Idiotic Moron. Go to sources other than CNN and MSNBC to be informed. Don't just regurgitate the Communist party talking points. *(Edited)*

Reply  6 

**steamingpileofpolitics443**

16 August, 2020

Trump just following communist orders to derail the election. Thank an Evangelical the next time you see one. If they have the nerve to show their mealy faces in public.

*(Edited)*

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**itsgotwhatplantscrave** > SteamingPileofPolitics624

16 August, 2020

If that were true .. which it's not .. I would be ok with that ...

Reply  

**barnigt** > SteamingPileofPolitics624

16 August, 2020

if we do mass mail-in voting, that'd be a huge election meddling & fraud by demos! We go out for our needs since March. Can't we go out and vote??

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**MasterDodsen**

16 August, 2020

" "Those rolls are not accurate. People move, people die. And yet when we are going to send out ballots all across the country, that's not just asking for a disaster. It really is knowing that what you're sending out is inaccurate."

It is the responsibility of the individual to contact the local county elections office to update your info. If your receive a ballot request for someone who doesn't live there anymore or has passed on, you then need to go to the elections office to correct the

issue. Sending out these requests is the best way to ensure that the people registered at these addresses actually are the voters in question.

**maxandmorris** > MasterDodsen

16 August, 2020

If this is what is decided upon then voter rolls need to be completely and totally eliminated and re-registration mandatory at least 6 month prior to the election. Re-registration must be done in person at the registrars office with proof of citizenship. No other form of registration should be allowed.

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**U.S.A.Freedomfighter** > MasterDodsen

16 August, 2020

My daughter had to call 3 times to get her address changed after she moved out. Finally after the 3rd time we stopped getting a ballot for her. How many others are getting the previous residents ballots?

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**TexasIndy27**

16 August, 2020

Trump can't win anything without cheating. He had to have Russia's help to win last time, and even then he still didn't manage to get the most votes. Then he asked China for help. Then he tried to get Ukraine to help and it backfired. So now his latest ploy is this nonsense with mail-in voting. He just can't win fair and square. It's pathetic.

Reply 5 11

**linus0108** > TexasIndy27

16 August, 2020

Your tinfoil hat needs retuning.

All the allegations don't mean a thing...show me evidence of just ONE instance where Russia, China or Ukraine managed to get votes changed, bullied or even persuaded anyone to vote a certain way, or modified the voting scanners/computers to modify ballots.

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**electricmonkey** > TexasIndy27

16 August, 2020

Off your meds again?

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**B barnigt**

16 August, 2020

USPS has been suffering since Obama took office. Demos. worry about it now when it convenience for them.

Reply 15

**itsgotwhatplantscrave** > barnigt

16 August, 2020

Every federal agency has been effected by the lib green slime

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**sdomingo776** > barnigt

16 August, 2020

Timing to support the USPS isn't a bit suspicious to you idiots?

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**ImRight100**

16 August, 2020

Trump is compromising.... Nancy won't

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**DEA1** > ImRight100

16 August, 2020

I don't think she has a choice any longer and this is not going away, Nasty Numbsy Knows Democrats already own this one!!!!

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**sdomingo776** > ImRight100

16 August, 2020

Threading to oppress people's votes? Compromising?

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**TexDefender**

16 August, 2020

Rig the election how? If you can go out and get food you can go out and vote.

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**TexDefender**

16 August, 2020




So you're saying you can't get to a polling center by yourself? I think BLM is voter suppression, doesn't make it so. DERP!

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U **U.S.A.Freedomfighter** 

16 August, 2020

How is voting in person rigging the election? He is not trying to destroy the postal services... he's trying to fix it. President Trump keeps on winning 

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D **DonChiche** 

17 August, 2020


Every single one of those states have had big problems with those mail in ballots

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U **U.S.A.Freedomfighter** 

16 August, 2020

It's not okay. I live in one of those states and have seen people selling their signed ballots to the highest bidder. You didn't answer my question 

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A **AncientWorldGrid288** 

16 August, 2020

Trey Gowdy's older brother works for the Post Office.  
Who knew.

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**ss202sl658** > AncientWorldGrid288 

16 August, 2020

And???? Has no bearing on this story

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T **TexasIndy27** 

16 August, 2020

Trump and Pence have both voted by mail. It's just another case of them saying it's good enough for them but not for you. Trump's double standards for himself and everyone

else are amazing. And you people who buy into it are easy marks. But if you haven't figured this out in 3 1/2 years, you're not going to.

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**hooduhthunkit** > TexasIndy27  
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16 August, 2020



Go online, add your verifiable legal address and other information and Trump will gladly send you a ballot. It's those that get them regardless of proper information that's the problem. The post office attempts to deliver millions of pieces of mail that goes undelivered because of incorrect address information. Guess to whom most of that mail is directed toward. Low-income residents who do not, or refuse to, keep the Postal service abreast of their changing address. Do you really think these people are going to notify the elections office of their move as well? Get real.

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**DEA1** > TexasIndy27  
16 August, 2020



**LIE!!!!!! MISLEADING LIE!!!!**

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