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# “To Be Governed...”

## PUT THEM IN CHARGE OF HEALTH CARE

A Bronx subway cleaner who was arrested last week while collecting his paycheck was shocked to discover he'd actually been fired years earlier, *The Post* has learned.

Ronald Berry, 47, claims he's been on sick leave since 2015 for high blood pressure and asthma, and has traveled to a city Transit office on Westchester Avenue and Bruckner Boulevard every two weeks to sign in and pick up his dough without a problem.

He collected roughly \$250,000 before someone at the MTA realized there was a problem and sounded the alarm. . . .

When a *Post* reporter told Berry he was dismissed way back in 2013, he countered, “So how am I still collecting checks? It's a fault on the MTA side.”

“If I'm terminated, how am I still collecting checks?” Berry said he asked a boss after his arrest.

“That's not my problem, that's payroll's problem,” the boss allegedly told him.

—*New York Post*, October 5, 2019

## VOTE YOURSELF AN INCOME

There is a lot Izabela Godlewska does not like about Poland's ruling Law and Justice party. . . .

But there are upsides. “They give money away left and right,” she explained. . . .

But analysts say the wildly popular payouts have helped the party win support beyond its base and created a sense that people's monthly incomes are tied to the

ruling party's continuation in power. . . .

In a study of voting preferences ahead of the elections, [Slawomir] Sierakowski and University of Warsaw sociologist Przemyslaw Sadura found that social welfare was the main factor driving new voters to Law and Justice.

—*Washington Post*, October 13, 2019

## TECHNICALLY THEY ALSO VOTED TO TAX THEIR NEIGHBORS

70% of our voters taxed themselves to provide [free college].

—*Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkin on NPR*, October 29, 2019

## MOB RULE?

At the end of the day, the 1% is only 1%. We are 99% and that is exactly why we will win.

—*Sen. Bernie Sanders (D-VT) on Twitter*, November 8, 2019

## DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

Mr. Ruckelshaus attended Princeton University, where he was a lackluster student. To discipline his inattentive son, his father, who was chairman of the local draft board, got his son drafted.

—*Washington Post*, November 27, 2019

## BANKING ON WASHINGTON

Banks are using their long-established relationships on Capitol Hill and in regulatory agencies to undermine a relative newcomer struggling to get traction in

Washington: the tech industry. . . .

Small lenders have urged lawmakers to crack down on Facebook's plans to offer a new digital currency that would form the basis of a global payments network that could sidestep banks, aligning themselves with liberals like House Financial Services Chairwoman Maxine Waters.

When Japanese e-commerce company Rakuten sought approval to establish its own bank in the U.S., bank trade groups fired off a letter to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. saying Rakuten shouldn't be eligible for deposit insurance.

—*Politico*, October 30, 2019

## BY FIRST TAKING EVERYBODY'S MONEY

I'm literally trying to give everybody money.

—*Andrew Yang on Twitter*, November 15, 2019

## EVER SINCE I HUNG THAT SOVIET FLAG IN MY MAYORAL OFFICE

“The ideas that I am fighting for now didn't come to me yesterday,” [Sen. Bernie Sanders (D-VT)] said in response to a reporter's question. . . .

“Having a long record gives people the understanding that these ideas that I am talking about — they are in my guts. They are in my heart,” he said Friday. “This is who I am as a human being, and it ain't gonna change.”

—*Washington Post*, October 25, 2019