

Political Intelligence and Analysis

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## Who Won the Week?

**Mark McCloskey** – Gets a pardon from the governor, and a boatload of free press along with it. His entire campaign is premised on his confrontation with the BLM protest. Anything that reminds folks of that is 100% in-line with this campaign strategy.

**Vicky Hartzler** – Ann Wagner's decision to forgo the US Senate race and instead run for re-election leaves Hartzler as the lone female in a field of dudes. While that'd be a much more potent advantage in a Dem primary, it still give her an edge in this race.

**St. Louis Community College** – Their tax increase passed amid a dismally low turnout election, bringing new funding to the critical educational institution at just the time when the state needs to expand its workforce.

**Transportation advocates** – AFP announced they didn't pursue a referendum on the gas tax, and Washington prepares to pass an infrastructure bill which will being billions to Missouri.

**MO GOP** – Congresswoman Cori Bush's comments about personal security and defunding the police get Republicans fired up, and giddy that they have their 2022 message prepackaged.

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