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After last year's abortion ruling, 36% of Americans said they have hardly any confidence in the Supreme Court.

The public is increasingly seeing the court as a political body, moving away from its past reputation for apolitical legal scholarship.



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The Supreme Court's apolitical image is all but dead
The justices tried for a very long time to cultivate a perception that they existed on an elevated plane above elected politicians.

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Three states and 16 localities raised their minimum wage this summer, largely due to automatic inflation adjustments.

In contrast, the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour hasn't changed since 2009.

Difference between factual and inflation adjusted U.S. federal minimum wage

Monthly; July 2009 to June 2023; Inflation adjusted to May 2023 dollars



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The places where minimum wages are rising this summer
Many states require more than double the federal minimum wage, which hasn't been lifted since 2009.

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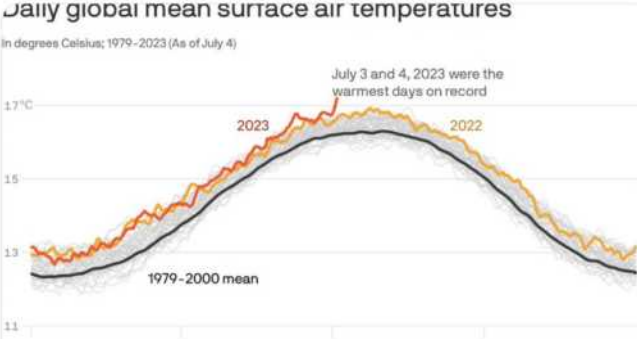
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July 3, 4, and 5 have each broken or tied records as the Earth's hottest day since at least 1979.

While these single-day records are symbolic, they point to a larger trend of increasing global temperatures.

Daily global mean surface air temperatures

In degrees Celsius; 1979-2023 (As of July 4)



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Earth sees three hottest days on record
July is off to a record hot start worldwide, data shows.

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The flu, a new COVID variant and RSV could make up another "tripledeemic" this fall, repeating last year's convergence of the three health threats — but vaccines for all three illnesses could potentially avert the anticipated crisis.



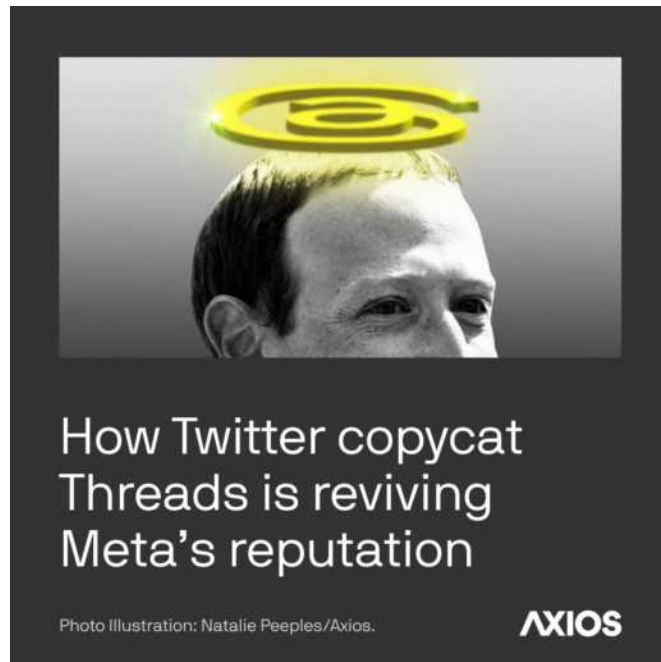
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The plan to dodge another tripledeemic
Vaccines to stave off the flu, a new COVID variant and now, respiratory syncytial virus could help avert another tripledeemic this fall. Unless the public...

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Social copy and design (Instagram):

Clip 1: <https://www.axios.com/2023/07/07/zuckerberg-threads-halo-twitter>



Driving the news

The launch of Threads has been praised by the internet community following months of chaotic product and rule changes at Twitter.

Users "basically wanted another Twitter, but not owned by Elon Musk," New York Times tech report Mike Isaac said on PBS NewsHour.

Yes, but

Meta will inevitably run into the types of content moderation issues it has faced in the past.

Conservatives are already criticizing the app for warning users about accounts that have posted false information, and sex workers say they are far more sidelined by Meta than Twitter.

Zoom out

Twitter is threatening legal action over Threads, alleging misappropriation of Twitter trade secrets amid the hiring of dozens of Twitter employees.

While other Twitter competitors — like Mastodon and Bluesky — have tried to replace Twitter, none have grown as quickly as Threads did in just one day.

Clip 2: <https://www.axios.com/2023/07/17/location-sharing-apps-gen-z>



Why it matters

Nearly 80% of people have location sharing activated on their phones some of the time, and 16% have it activated all of the time.

Location sharing can change a social dynamic — when someone shares their location, the recipient will share theirs back.

Some scholars view location sharing among teens as a show of affection and digital intimacy, calling it "a form of compassion."

Our thought bubble

From Axios' Sam Sabin: Consumers often don't understand the privacy ramifications of using a new digital service, especially when that service is convenient and fun.

When Facebook first launched, people were eager to connect with one another — only to be blinded decades later as the company faced scandals over its data collection practices.

Clip 3: <https://www.axios.com/2023/07/06/layoffs-2023-maternity-leave>

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What it's like to get laid off while on parental leave →

The big picture

Tech companies have been trying to recruit more women to increase diversity — and one way they've done that is by offering more generous paid leave benefits.

But these efforts had a dark side in this round of layoffs, with tech workers losing their jobs while out on parental leave.

What they're saying

"It was like a gut punch," said a former Meta worker laid off while on leave, along with her boss — who was also pregnant.

She's struggling with juggling a job search with a new baby at home. "I have to make crazy arrangements to try to do interviews right now," she said.

Reality check

- While it feels wrong, it's not illegal to fire a pregnant person or someone who's out on parental leave.
- But, it is illegal to fire someone because they're pregnant or just had a baby.

Reporting:

Overlooked and Underserved: Penn's Struggle for Indigenous Visibility (34th Street Magazine) - <https://www.34st.com/article/2022/10/natives-at-penn-indigenous-american-visibility-studies-minor-cultural-resource-center-representation-gic-arch-students>

'The Big Change': Inside the Fight to Save the UC Townhomes (34th Street Magazine) - <https://www.34st.com/article/2022/08/university-city-townhomes-gentrification-displacement>

DP sex survey finds Engineering students are most sexually active (The Daily Pennsylvanian) - <https://www.thedp.com/article/2023/02/penn-sex-survey-students-gender-sexuality-experience-reference>

This Philly org provides Chinese immigrant families with the tools to heal, as the pandemic intensifies anti-Asian hate (Billy Penn) - <https://billypenn.com/2022/07/28/chinese-immigrant-mental-health-philadelphia-cifwi/>

99.7% of political donations from Penn faculty went to Democrats from 2021 to 2022 (The Daily Pennsylvanian) - <https://www.thedp.com/article/2023/02/penn-professors-political-donations-elections>

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Wait ... why isn't the whole avenue changing?

Because politics, of course.

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From there, city residents were presented with a survey of 3 options: **4 lanes, 3 lanes, or a mixed-lanes** with varying road widths.

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So, why don't we have a 3-lane Washington Avenue?

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Okay, but not all of Washington Avenues is like that...

That's because this mixed-lane scenario would **require City Council to pass bills** to update parking and loading rules.

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