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Musings

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RIP Notorious RBG. We differed significantly in our political views, but I have the utmost respect for her and what she accomplished. I particularly applaud how she conducted herself. She could be friends with someone with opposing views. She didn't yell and demand but rather talked softly and carefully with each word having impact. An example for all of us. Simply an amazing lady.

Fascinating to see the press coverage of some of Bill Barr's comments this week. He emphasized how the political leadership running the DOJ had the ultimate decision making authority rather than career prosecutors. Not sure how that is debatable. I believe DC career bureaucrats are a dangerous group. They wield the awesome, an almost unlimited power, of the federal government with little oversight or accountability. Here is a copy of the full remarks: [remarks-attorney-general-william-p-barr-hillsdale-college](#)

We attended a wedding in rural America this weekend. Stunning differences in culture between rural and urban areas like Chicago as it relates to anxiety and concern about Covid. Almost like two Americas. Good article by David French on this. [yes-america-could-split-apart](#)

Election night is going to be a mess. Pennsylvania court decision counting ballots received for days after election day (remember one of the key states). I am concerned people are going to lose trust in our election result just like they have lost trust in most institutions.

So sad to see the destruction from the fires on the West Coast. I don't know enough to wade into the debate on climate change vs lack of forest management. Just hope all affected families are able to rebuild.

Not a lot of good news this week. Pay it forward at Starbuck's tomorrow. World needs kindness.

Be safe.

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