

US Political Seismic Shifts: Supreme Court Ruling on Voting Rights, Economy

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1. What was the outcome of the Supreme Court case Louisiana v. Callais (April 29, 2026) regarding congressional maps?

- A) The Court upheld Louisiana's map, finding it did not unduly rely on race.
- B) The Court struck down Louisiana's map, ruling it an unconstitutional racial gerrymander and impacting Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.**
- C) The Court remanded the case to lower courts for further review of racial data.
- D) The Court ruled that Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act was not applicable to this case.

2. According to data released in late April 2026, what was the annualized growth rate of the U.S. economy in the first quarter of 2026?

- A) 3.5%
- B) 1.6%
- C) 2.0%**
- D) 0.5%

3. What significant development occurred in the U.S. regarding Artificial Intelligence (AI) policy in March 2026?

- A) Congress passed comprehensive AI regulation requiring all AI models to be open-source.
- B) The White House released a National Policy Framework for AI, proposing legislative recommendations and a 'light touch' approach.**
- C) A federal ban on all AI development was enacted due to national security concerns.
- D) The EPA introduced new regulations for AI's environmental impact.

4. The Supreme Court's decision in Louisiana v. Callais (April 29, 2026) has been described as significantly impacting which provision of the Voting Rights Act?

- A) Section 5, concerning preclearance requirements.
- B) Section 4(b), related to the coverage formula.
- C) Section 2, which prohibits discriminatory voting practices.**
- D) Section 6, concerning federal observers.

5. In April 2026, what was a primary driver of increased inflation and consumer costs in the U.S., according to economic reports?

- A) A surge in domestic oil production.
- B) A trade war with China impacting supply chains.
- C) The ongoing conflict in Iran and its disruption of global oil shipments.**
- D) Increased government spending on infrastructure projects.

6. What did the White House's National Policy Framework for AI, released in March 2026, propose regarding state AI laws?

- A) It encouraged states to develop unique AI regulations tailored to their needs.
- B) It called for federal legislation to preempt state AI laws that impose 'undue burdens' on AI development.**
- C) It recommended a cooperative federal-state approach with no preemption.
- D) It suggested that state laws should take precedence over federal guidelines for AI.

7. Regarding the U.S. economy in early 2026, which sector showed a significant increase in investment according to Bureau of Economic Analysis data?

- A) Residential construction.
- B) Renewable energy infrastructure.
- C) Manufacturing of consumer goods.
- D) Investment in equipment, particularly related to the AI buildout.**

8. The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Louisiana v. Callais* (April 29, 2026) was characterized by the ACLU as effectively doing what to Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act?

- A) Strengthening its enforcement mechanisms.
- B) Clarifying its application to redistricting.
- C) Eviscerating it and opening the door for discriminatory maps.**
- D) Expanding its protections to cover new forms of voter suppression.

9. What was a key concern highlighted in the White House's National Policy Framework for AI concerning children and AI use?

- A) Ensuring AI chatbots are primarily used for educational purposes.
- B) Requiring AI companies to implement age-assurance requirements and provide parental controls.**
- C) Limiting AI development that could lead to job displacement for minors.
- D) Mandating AI-generated content filters to prevent exposure to controversial political views.

10. In April 2026, Gallup's Economic Confidence Index dropped to its lowest reading since when, reflecting increased American pessimism?

- A) June 2022
- B) November 2023**
- C) December 2024
- D) March 2025

11. The U.S. Supreme Court's decision on April 28, 2026, in a case concerning overnight recesses during testimony, held that prohibiting consultation between a defendant and their attorney during such a recess:

- A) Violates the defendant's Sixth Amendment right to counsel.
- B) Does not violate the defendant's Sixth Amendment right to counsel.**
- C) Requires explicit consent from the prosecution.
- D) Is permissible only in cases of national security.

12. Which sector experienced a surge in orders and shipments in early 2026, contributing to a manufacturing resurgence according to White House statements?

- A) The automotive industry.
- B) The renewable energy sector.
- C) Business equipment.**
- D) The defense industry.