

# DNC: Marks 200,000 coronavirus deaths with light displays across the battlegrounds

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As the United States crossed 200,000 deaths from the coronavirus, Democrats across the country came together to commemorate the lives of those lost and hold Trump accountable for lying to the American people even after he knew the coronavirus was “deadly stuff.” The DNC War Room organized light displays that read “Trump Lied. 200,000 Died.” in Arizona, Florida, Michigan, Nevada, New Hampshire, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Washington, DC. See highlights below:

MSNBC: [The Rachel Maddow Show](#)

MADDOW: As the number of Americans who have died from coronavirus hit 200,000 this weekend, Americans did what we could to mark that landmark number. These folks went to the White House to stand outside the big fence they got there now to spell it out. Trump lied, 200,000 died. These few folks went to one of the Trump golf courses in Palm Beach. Trump lied, 200,000 died. Their shirts, you can see there say, “voting matters.” Some other folks did the same thing out in front of the Arizona State Capitol, marked with candles there and flowers. Trump lied, 200,000 died.

CNN: [New Day Weekend](#)

NATASHA CHEN: You mentioned the National Cathedral bells will toll 200 times this evening. And later tonight, the Democratic National Committee is planning a protest outside the White House, and they will have lights at their demonstration, also honoring that 200,000 lives lost threshold in this country.

CNN: [CNN Newsroom with Michael Holmes](#)

HOLMES: Meanwhile, outside the White House, Democrats blaming the crisis squarely on the president. They lit up that display that you can see there. “Trump Lied. 200,000 Died.” As CNN’s Evan McMorris-Santoro reports, the death toll, of course, still going to rise.

Washington Post: [The Health 202](#)

By Paige Winfield Cunningham

The United States neared 200,000 coronavirus deaths over the weekend.

The country is set to pass the grim milestone seven months after the first death was reported in late February, and only four months after it reached 100,000 deaths. Many of those who have died were isolated from friends and family, kept apart for fear that the infection would spread.

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Demonstrators protested covid-19 deaths outside the White House on Sunday.

Make Valerio, who covers the White House for WUSA9: @MikevWUSA: DNC NOW outside White House >> “TRUMP LIED 200,000 DIED” Demonstrators marking a grim moment for the nation’s #coronavirus death toll this weekend @WUSA9 @CBSNews

Newsweek: [‘Trump Lied, 200,000 Died’ Neon Sign Displayed at White House as U.S. Nears Milestone](#)

By Ewan Palmer

A neon sign was placed in front of the White House with a message blaming President Donald Trump for the coronavirus death rate in the U.S.. The display reading “Trump lied, 200,000 died” was held up by several Democrats and paid for

by the DNC, WSET reported. The sign was lit up on Sunday night as the U.S. is on the verge of hitting the 200,000 milestone for COVID-19 deaths.

Washington Times: [COVID-19 deaths memorialized as nation nears somber milestone](#)

By Tom Howell Jr.

Some point squarely at President Trump after he acknowledged downplaying the coronavirus early on. The Democratic National Committee is posting photos of signs across the country that say: "Trump lied, 200,000 died."

Mr. Trump's November opponent, Democrat Joseph R. Biden, said Monday that Americans cannot become "numb" to COVID-19 and its sobering death count and that complacency will cost more lives.

He said in a speech in Wisconsin, "200,000 deaths, all across this nation, and it means there are empty chairs at dining room tables and kitchen tables that weeks ago were filled with loved ones — a mom or dad or brother or sister," the former vice president said in Manitowoc.

In Arizona:

KSAZ-TV (FOX 10 Phoenix): [As COVID-19 deaths near 200K in US, professor talks lessons learned about the virus in Arizona](#)

The night of Sept. 20, all eyes were on the Arizona Capitol as local Democrats hold a light display to remember the people who lost their lives not only in Arizona, but across the nation due to complications from COVID-19.

## **[KTVK-TV AZ Family \(3TV + CBS5 Phoenix\)](#)**

ANCHOR: Tonight a group of valley Democrats are honoring the lives lost to the

coronavirus pandemic. A vigil was held in front of the State Capitol. The group created a light display to say we as a country should have acted sooner to stop the spread of the virus.

## [KPNX-TV 12News \(NBC Phoenix\)](#)

ANCHOR: It is a grim number, almost unbelievable. America on the verge of reaching 200,000 deaths from COVID-19. And tonight, local Democrats honored those who've lost their lives due to the pandemic with a special light display in front of the State Capitol. The milestone comes with new information tonight as health officials confirm that COVID-19 has become one of the leading causes of death in America behind heart disease and cancer. Here in Arizona, more than 5,400 people have died since the start of the pandemic.

In Florida:

## [WBBH \(NBC 2 Fort Myers\)](#)

ANCHOR: Democrats lit a display in front of the White House last night marking a grim milestone in the pandemic. The letters read, "Trump Lied, 200,000 Died." Now this was similar to what was written on the Trump sign in Punta Gorda that we just showed you. The DNC paid for the display, saying that the coronavirus pandemic is trending in the wrong direction. Nationwide, more than 6.7 million people have been infected with coronavirus.

[WKCF \(CW 18 Orlando\)](#)

ANCHOR: "Trump Lied, 200,000 Died." That's what a display paid for by Democrats said in front of the White House last night, marking the record number of COVID-19 deaths in the country. While President Trump has claimed the U.S. has turned a corner in campaign speeches, the DNC wanted to emphasize the pandemic is trending in the wrong direction. 31 states are reporting an increase in new COVID-19 cases. Nationwide, more than 6.7 million people have been infected.

## **WPEC (CBS 12 Palm Beach)**

ANCHOR: We're confronting a new milestone in the COVID-19 pandemic. In the U.S., there have been 6.8 million cases and by some counts, we have reached 200,000 deaths. Tonight, multiple people gathered in front of the Trump International Golf Club in West Palm Beach to hold a memorial in honor of the American lives lost during this pandemic. Organizers say they are critical of the president's response to coronavirus. There you see them holding signs saying, "Trump Lied," and "200,000+" dead.

JOYCE BROWN (Local Democrat): This is going to be happening all over the country and probably all over the world. People recognize that 200,000 people have died unnecessarily in this country. This hasn't happened anywhere else in the world.

ANCHOR: Still, there is progress. States that have suffered the most are recovering. A model that predicts the number of coronavirus deaths in the U.S. shows nearly 40,000 lives being saved due to mask usage.

In Michigan:

## **WJBK (Fox 2 Detroit)**

ANCHOR: Display blasting President Trump as the death toll from COVID-19 approaches 200,000. The Democratic National Committee organizing the gathering in downtown Ann Arbor. Many people holding signs. They ripped the president for his handling of the virus.

MICHELLE DEATRICK (Chair, DNC Council on the Environmental and Climate Crisis): It didn't have to be this way. Our president has chosen to ignore science, his own

experts, and we now know that he knew back in February just how bad it was.

MONICA ROSS-WILLIAMS (Trustee, Ypsilanti Township): This could have been prevented if preventative steps were taken in the early stages of this pandemic, a lot of these Americans would still be alive today.

ANCHOR: Among Americans who have died from COVID-19, more than 6,600 people from Michigan.

In Nevada:

## **KRNV (NBC 4 Reno)**

ANCHOR: A display in front of the White House last night marked the grim milestone in this pandemic. The letters read, "Trump lied, 200,000 died." The DNC paid for this display to emphasize the scientific consensus that the coronavirus pandemic is trending in the wrong direction. While President Trump has claimed the U.S. has turned a corner in campaign speeches, 31 states are reporting an increase in new COVID-19 cases.

In New Hampshire:

## **WPTZ (NBC 5 Burlington, VT)**

ANCHOR: Democrats lighting a display in front of the White House Sunday night to mark a grim milestone in the pandemic. The letters read "Trump lied, 200,000 died." The DNC paid for the display to emphasize the point that the coronavirus pandemic is trending in the wrong direction. In his campaign speeches, President Trump has claimed the U.S. has turned a corner. Meanwhile, 31 states are reporting an increase in new COVID-19 cases.

In Ohio:

## **WFMJ (NBC 21 Youngstown)**

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## **WUPW (Fox 36 Toledo)**

ANCHOR: Democrats lit up a display in front of the White House last night, marking a grim milestone in the pandemic. Blue lights read, "Trump lied. 200,000 died." The DNC paid for the display near the south lawn of the White House. The president has claimed the U.S. has turned a corner in the pandemic, but 31 states are reporting an increase in new cases. Nationwide, more than 6.7 million people have been infected with the virus.

In Wisconsin:

## **WISN-TV (ABC 12 Milwaukee)**

ANCHOR: Tonight, the Democratic Party of Milwaukee County hosted a small protest outside of Fiserv Forum, criticizing President Trump's handling of the pandemic as the national death toll approaches 200,000.

CHRISTOPHER WALTON (Chair, Democratic Party of Milwaukee County):  
Disproportionately, of those 200,000, most of those have been African American and Hispanic. And we have to really take a moment to remember these people who

didn't have to die. Democrats in Washington, DC held a similar display outside of the White House tonight.

In Washington, DC:

[WUSA](#) (CBS 9 Washington, DC)

KIRA GOO: People around me have suffered from the virus, and Trump has failed to do pretty much anything about it.

MIKE VALERIO: Behind the glow coming from the ellipse, the words "Trump lied. 200,000+ died," protesters are silent, but seething.

GOO: My family not only has had people with the virus, but have lost their jobs and been laid off.

WUSA: ['Trump Lied 200,000+ Died' illuminated on Ellipse, as US confronts another coronavirus milestone](#)

By Mike Valerio

The protest with a White House backdrop was silent but seething, as 15 demonstrators organized by the Democratic National Committee illuminated the words "Trump Lied. 200,000+ Died," on the Ellipse Sunday night.

The demonstration was a reprise of an image from late August, when the same group spelled in glowing blue text, "Trump Failed 180,000+ Dead."

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"Democrats gathered in cities across the country to remember the Americans lost to the pandemic and hold Trump accountable for his failed response," said Lily

Adams, a senior spokesperson and adviser for the Democratic National Committee's Trump response team.

"Because Trump ignored the advice of medical experts, lied to the American people, and continues to refuse to come up with a plan, thousands of families are mourning and millions are struggling to get by."

In Georgia:

## **WTVM (ABC 9 Columbus)**

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## **WJCL (ABC 22 Savannah)**

ANCHOR: Well there is right now a sign outside the White House that criticizes President Trump over the number of people who have died during the coronavirus pandemic. That sign actually reads, "Trump Lied. 200,000 Died." Well, the Democratic National Committee says the coronavirus pandemic is trending in the wrong direction. 31 states now reporting an increase in COVID-19 cases this past week.

In North Carolina:

## **WCCB (CW 18 Charlotte)**

ANCHOR: Democrats are marking a grim milestone in the pandemic with this White House display. The letters read, "Trump Lied. 200,000 Died." The DNC paid for the display to emphasize the scientific consensus that the coronavirus pandemic is trending in the wrong direction.

## **WRAZ (Fox 50 Raleigh)**

ANCHOR: Democrats sent a message to the president outside the White House. The letters you can see at the front gate read "Trump lied. 200,000 died." The DNC paid for the display to emphasize the scientific consensus that the coronavirus pandemic is trending in the wrong direction.

In Pennsylvania:

## **KYW-PHI (CBS 3 Philadelphia)**

ANCHOR: This sign is hard to miss. "Trump Lied. 200,000 Died." The Democratic National [Committee] paid for the lighting display outside of the White House last night to emphasize that the coronavirus pandemic is trending in the wrong direction. While President Trump claims the U.S. has turned a corner in campaign speeches, 31 states are reporting an increase in new COVID-19 cases. Nationwide, more than 6.7 million have been infected.

## **WTAE (ABC 4 Pittsburgh)**

ANCHOR: This was on display in front of the White House last night. The DNC paid for this display, which reads "Trump Lied. 200,000 Died." Democrats say they want to emphasize the scientific consensus that the coronavirus pandemic is trending in the wrong direction. Even though President Trump has claimed in his campaign

speeches that the U.S. has turned a corner.

[WHP](#) (CBS 21 Harrisburg): 'Trump lied, 200,000 died': Democrats mark virus milestone with White House light display

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While President Trump has claimed the US has turned a corner in campaign speeches, 31 states are reporting an increase in new COVID-19 cases. According to data from Johns Hopkins University, those states have experienced an increase of at least 10 percent over the previous week. Nationwide, more than 6.7 million people have been infected with coronavirus.

In Texas:

## [KEYE](#) (CBS 43 Austin)

ANCHOR: Well since the pandemic began bearing down its wrath on the U.S., President Trump has set out his expectations. If the country could keep the death toll between 100,000 to 200,000 people, then his administration had "done a very good job." But as we near the 200,000 deaths, protestors are displaying the grim milestone in front of the White House here. The letters paid for by the DNC spell "Trump Lied. 200,000 Died." Nationwide, more than 6.7 million Americans have been infected.