

CNN EXCLUSIVES IN JULY 2022

Exclusive reporting out of Uvalde, Texas:

- FIRST ON CNN: Robb Elementary school principal allowed to return to work after brief suspension, attorney says. In an update to her exclusive interview with Robb Elementary school principal Mandy Gutierrez, correspondent **Rosa Flores** reported in another FIRST ON CNN that Gutierrez had been informed that she could return to work on July 28 in an administrative capacity, which means principal. (July 29)
- CNN EXCLUSIVE: **Rosa Flores** sat down with Robb Elementary school principal Mandy Gutierrez in San Antonio for her first interview. At the time, Gutierrez had been placed on administrative leave without pay, according to her attorney. CNN Exclusive: 'I will second-guess myself for the rest of my life.' Uvalde principal defends actions on day of shooting. (July 27)
- CNN ANALYSIS: CNN's review of videos showed Uvalde school chief in central role during unfolding massacre. (July 25)
- FIRST CABLE NEWS INTERVIEW: Texas Republican State Senator Dustin Burrows joined anchor **Erin Burnett** in his first cable news interview and first televised CNN interview to discuss a new report that indicated a "systemic failure" by law enforcement officials involved with the shooting in Uvalde, TX. (July 18)
- FIRST ON CNN: Uvalde video shows children scrambling for safety and a chief fumbling with door keys. Crime and Justice correspondent **Shimon Prokupecz** and producer **Matthew Friedman** reported on dramatic new video of first responders at Robb Elementary School that showed a close-up view of the action – and inaction – of the law enforcement response to the unfolding massacre. (July 17)
- CNN EXCLUSIVE: Crime and Justice correspondent **Shimon Prokupecz** spoke with several of the mothers of children who survived, plus one of the children, from the Robb Elementary School Shooting. The mothers spoke about what their children endured for 77 minutes and how they were affected by the shooting. Ten-year-old Jaydien Canizales, spoke about hiding from the gunman and wondering where the police were. (July 11)
- CNN EXCLUSIVE: **Shimon Prokupecz** interviewed Uvalde school shooting victims' families. The families expressed the pain brought by every new piece of information about the officers' response to the gunman. (July 8)
- FIRST ON CNN: **Shimon Prokupecz** interviewed Uvalde School Shooting survivor and teacher Arnie Reyes, the only person alive in Classroom 111 after the mass shooting. He describes what it was like when the gunman entered the room and why he felt abandoned. (July 6)
- CNN EXCLUSIVE: **Shimon Prokupecz** interviewed the Uvalde mayor, who says he lost faith in Uvalde law enforcement and feared a cover-up of the investigation into the school massacre. (July 5)

Exclusive Political Reporting:

- CNN EXCLUSIVE: CNN White House Reporter **Natasha Bertrand** and Senior International Correspondent **Frederik Pleitgen** break the exclusive that Russian officials requested adding a convicted murderer to the Brittney Griner and Paul Whelan prison swap. (July 29)
- FIRST ON CNN: CNN Chief White House Correspondent **Kaitlan Collins** was the first to obtain details from Jared Kushner's upcoming memoir, detailing the West Wing 'war' with 'toxic' Steve Bannon. (July 29)
- CNN EXCLUSIVE: CNN Senior Justice Correspondent **Evan Perez** and Senior Reporter **Katelyn Polantz** have exclusive reporting that prosecutors are preparing for a court battle to force former White House officials to testify about Trump's January 6 conversations. (July 28)
- CNN EXCLUSIVE: National Security correspondent **Kylie Atwood**, Senior Justice correspondent **Evan Perez** and State Department producer **Jennifer Hansler** broke the exclusive story that the Biden administration had offered to exchange Viktor Bout, a convicted Russian arms trafficker serving a 25-year US prison sentence, as part of a potential deal to secure the release of two Americans held by Russia, Brittney Griner and Paul Whelan. (July 28)
- CNN EXCLUSIVE: Anchor **Dana Bash** exclusively sat down with Vice President Kamala Harris at the White House for her first interview after the Supreme Court struck down Roe v. Wade to discuss the impact of the decision and what the administration will do to protect abortion access for all Americans. (July 27)
- FIRST ON CNN: Jill Biden's press secretary leaving White House By **Kate Bennett** (July 26)
- FIRST TV INTERVIEW: In his first TV interview after the news broke that Marc Short, former Chief of Staff to Vice President Mike Pence testified to a federal grand jury, anchor Erin Burnett spoke with Short in an illuminating interview on **Erin Burnett OutFront**. (July 25)

- CNN EXCLUSIVE: CNN reporter covering intelligence and national security, **Katie Bo Lillis**, obtained in-depth exclusive reporting detailing how an FBI investigation determined Chinese-made Huawei equipment could disrupt US nuclear arsenal communications. (July 23)
- CNN EXCLUSIVE: White House touts 1 million affordable broadband program sign-ups By **Betsy Klein**. (July 21)
- FIRST ON CNN: Anchor **Kate Bolduan** spoke to Dr. Anthony Fauci in his first television interview after news broke about his retirement plans, confirming to Bolduan that he would retire by the end of President Biden's current term. (July 18)
- FIRST ON CNN: Congressional progressives introduce 10 executive actions relating to abortion access pressuring Biden to do more By **Annie Grayer**. (July 15)
- CNN EXCLUSIVE: As British Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced he would be resigning, adding new uncertainty to the war in Ukraine, anchor **Wolf Blitzer** exclusively interviewed Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky about the Johnson news and Ukraine's unequivocal unwillingness to cede any of its land to Russia in an effort to end the war. (July 7)
- CNN EXCLUSIVE: Anchor and Senior Political correspondent **Abby Phillip** had an exclusive sit down with Cherelle Griner, wife of Brittney Griner, 130 days since the WNBA star was detained and right before her trial in Russia began. (June 30/July 1)

Additional National Exclusives:

- CNN EXCLUSIVE: Philadelphia police officer Sergio Diggs was wounded at a Fourth of July celebration when a gunman opened fire on the crowd. He told **New Day** anchor **Brianna Keilar** what the impact felt like and the moment he realized a bullet grazed him on the forehead. (July 6)
- CNN EXCLUSIVE: Correspondent **Omar Jimenez** exclusively obtained body cam footage of Chicago Police shooting an unarmed Black 13-year-old. An attorney for the teen said that he had his hands up and was turning around to surrender after being pursued when an officer shot him. (July 20)
- CNN EXCLUSIVE: Goldman Sachs CEO David Solomon spoke exclusively with anchor **Poppy Harlow** on small business summit and state of the economy. (July 20)
- FIRST NATIONAL TV INTERVIEW: Anchor **Erin Burnett** spoke with impassioned former coach to Brittney Griner, James Wade, in his first national TV interview and his first CNN appearance. (July 19)
- CNN SPECIAL REPORT: *Deep in the Pockets of Texas*, a one-hour special report by National correspondent **Ed Lavandera** that revealed how a handful of influential billionaires steer the politics of school boards, city councils and the state legislature in Texas. (July 24)
- FIRST INTERVIEW: Steve Bannon's attorney David Schoen joined **New Day** anchor **John Berman** for his first interview since Bannon's guilty verdict and explained why he believes Bannon's appeal is "bulletproof." (July 25)
- CNN SPECIAL REPORT: *Steve Bannon, Divided We Fall*, a one-hour special report by Senior Investigative correspondent **Drew Griffin**, with rare interviews and new details on Steve Bannon's role in shaping and dividing the US political system and the potential threat to American democracy. (July 17)
- FIRST ON CNN: Human smugglers peddle misinformation to US-bound migrants on Facebook, watchdog says By **Priscilla Alvarez**. (July 27)

Exclusive Reporting Around the January 6th Committee:

CNN has led the way on reporting on the *January 6th Committee Hearings*. There were several stories that broke news in July including:

- First on CNN: Secret Service identified potential missing text messages on phones of 10 individuals By **Whitney Wild** and **Jeremy Herb**. (July 22)
- First on CNN: DHS inspector general tells Secret Service to stop investigating potentially missing texts By **Whitney Wild** and **Jeremy Herb**. (July 21)
- EXPLAINER: What we know about Trump's inaction during the 187 minutes of January 6 By **Jeremy Herb** and **Marshall Cohen**. (July 20)
- First on CNN: Former Trump National Security Council official will testify at Thursday's January 6 hearing By **Evan Perez** and **Zachary Cohen**. (July 18)
- First on CNN: DHS inspector general meets with House select committee regarding Secret Service erasing text messages from January 6 By **Zachary Cohen**, **Annie Grayer** and **Ryan Nobles**. (July 15)

First on CNN: DC police officer in Trump Jan. 6 motorcade corroborates details of heated Secret Service exchange to committee By **Jamie Gangel** and **Annie Grayer**. (July 14)

- First on CNN: Trump tried to call a member of the White House support staff talking with January 6 committee, sources say By **Ryan Nobles**, **Dana Bash**, **Annie Grayer** and **Zachary Cohen**. (July 13)
- CNN Exclusive: Former Overstock CEO Patrick Byrne to meet with January 6 investigators By **Jamie Gangel**. (July 11)
- EXPLAINER: The January 6 insurrection: Minute-by-minute By **Marshall Cohen** and **Avery Lotz**. (July 29)

Five Exclusive CNN Polls Were Released in July:

- January 6 hearings haven't changed opinions much, but most agree Trump acted unethically: <https://cnn.it/3PEEkHh> (July 26)
- Americans' confidence in elections has faded since January 6: <https://cnn.it/3PHNF0m> (July 21)
- Most voters say neither Republicans nor Democratic congressional candidates have the right priorities: <https://cnn.it/3yRgOLb> (July 19)
- Most Americans are discontented with Biden, the economy and the state of the country: <https://cnn.it/3oaaO07> (July 18)
- About two-thirds of Americans disapprove of overturning Roe v. Wade, see negative effect for the nation ahead: <https://cnn.it/3zcFP8Q> (July 28)

Exclusive Global Reporting:

- CNN EXCLUSIVE INVESTIGATION: Chief International Investigative correspondent **Nima Elbagir** uncovered evidence showing how Russia is plundering Sudanese wealth to aid Putin's war in Ukraine – and helping to prop up Sudan's military leaders. (July 29)
- CNN EXCLUSIVE: FBI investigation determined Chinese-made Huawei equipment could disrupt US nuclear arsenal communications By **Katie Bo Lillis**. (July 27)
- CNN EXCLUSIVE: Biden administration offers convicted Russian arms dealer in exchange for Griner, Whelan By **Kylie Atwood**, **Evan Perez** and **Jennifer Hansler**. (July 27)
- FIRST ON CAMERA INTERVIEW OUTSIDE OF THE UK: MI6 Chief Richard Moore spoke to anchor **Jim Sciutto** at the Aspen Security Forum. Moore discussed Russia/Ukraine and threats around the world. (July 22)
- CNN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW: Senior International correspondent **Will Ripley** secured an exclusive interview with the country's acting president Ranil Wickremesinghe, his first interview with an international news organization since he was appointed to that position by the former leader. (July 18)
- CNN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW: In Jeddah, International Diplomatic editor **Nic Robertson** sat down for an exclusive interview with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan, who called Biden's fist bump with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman "a win" for the US President. This was the most senior Saudi official to be interviewed by any network. (July 17)
- AHEAD OF MAJOR COMPETITORS: China crushes mass protest by bank depositors demanding their life savings back By **Nectar Gan**. (July 11)
- CNN EXCLUSIVE: Nearly one billion people in China had their personal data leaked, and it's been online for more than a year By **Nectar Gan**, **Yong Xiong** and **Hannah Ritchie**. (July 6)
- CNN EXCLUSIVE: Russians have visited Iran at least twice in last month to examine weapons-capable drones By **Natasha Bertrand**. (July 15)
- FIRST ON CNN: House Republicans push legislation to require Biden administration to detail the status of major arm sales to Taiwan By **Kylie Atwood**. (July 1)

IMPACT REPORTING IN JULY 2022

National:

- On a Texas road called 'the mouth of the wolf,' a semitruck packed with migrants was abandoned in the sweltering heat, by **Ray Sanchez**, **Nicole Chavez** and **Priscilla Alvarez**. (July 29)
- With President Biden's poll numbers at a record low, anchor **Alisyn Camerota** spoke with a diverse group of Biden voters to hear their criticisms and wants for a new Pulse of the People panel. (July 27)

- Former Treasury Secretary Larry Summers told anchor **Don Lemon** if he thought the US is heading into a recession. (July 26)
- Dr. Anthony Fauci joined **New Day** to discuss the new BA.5 Covid19 variant and whether individuals need another booster shot. (July 26)
- NFL player Carl Nassib spoke to anchor **Anderson Cooper** about being the first NFL player to come out and the responsibility he felt doing so. Nassib also spoke about the app he created to help connect volunteers with nonprofit groups. (July 25)
- Republican gubernatorial candidate for Arizona Karrin Taylor Robson told anchor **Brianna Keilar** that she does not believe the 2020 election was fair to former President Donald Trump, despite her endorsement from former Vice President Mike Pence, who certified the election results. (July 25)
- Anchor **Don Lemon** discussed the impact of Biden's job approval ratings with Democratic gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams and how it might impact her race in Georgia and what it could mean for Democrats in the midterm elections. (July 20)
- Anchor **Jake Tapper** reported first on CNN: during **The Lead** - Sources: Federal probe into Hunter Biden reaches critical juncture with Evan Perez and Kara Scannell. (July 20)
- Anchor **Victor Blackwell** interviewed Jodi Brown, who said her daughter and niece were ignored by a Sesame Place character, in one of the first interviews after her video of the incident went viral. Brown told Victor she believed they were snubbed because they were Black. (July 19)
- Anchor **Anderson Cooper** spoke to Anastasiya Paraskevova, a Kharkiv resident, whose father was killed after Russia bombarded the city. Anastasiya had been on **AC 360** before, when she was fleeing the city while her father decided to stay behind. (July 15)
- The father of a Parkland shooting victim who interrupted President Biden's press conference was on **New Day** earlier in the day criticizing the term "celebration" to describe the rose garden event and noted that he thought the legislation was "not enough." (July 11)
- William Shatner and **Anderson Cooper** reacted to newly-released NASA images and discussed the questions and answers the new photos raise. (July 13)
- Following the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, anchor **Ana Cabrera's** interview with Dr. Christopher Radpour made headlines after the Tennessee doctor revealed his patient was forced to go to multiple pharmacies to obtain pills to complete her miscarriage. (July 8)
- Ty Cobb joined anchor Erin Burnett for his first TV interview since 2019. Cobb, former White House Special Counsel under President Trump, discussed January 6th and whether Trump should be charged if there's proof he committed a crime on **Erin Burnett OutFront**. (July 7)
- **Erin Burnett** spoke with Chief Gerald Smith from the Richmond, VA Police Department in his first national interview following the arrest of two men after a tipster reported they were planning an attack on the city's July 4th celebration. (July 6)

Political:

- Senior reporter **Edward-Isaac Dove** continued to report extensively on Democratic politics, the White House and the upcoming midterms. His most recent tour de force piece: Fearing a wipeout, Democrats try to unify around a simple midterm message: Republicans are 'extremists'. (July 27)
- Immigration reporter **Priscilla Alvarez** spent the week of 7/11 in Yuma, AZ reporting on migrants from multiple countries attempting to enter the US through the southern border. (July 15) Also, scooped a story on human smugglers peddling misinformation to US-bound migrants on Facebook. (July 27)
- Senior Crime and Justice reporter **Katelyn Polantz** was instrumental in the coverage of Steve Bannon's trial since it began in mid-July. She also led the live news updates online for the trial and his guilty verdict. (July 22)
- National correspondent **René Marsh** traveled to Greenland to report on impacts of climate change on ice caps – making her the only western reporter in the region. (July 20)
- Senior Justice correspondent **Evan Perez** continued reporting on Hunter Biden for CNN and was part of the duo that broke the big news of Matthew Pottinger and Sarah Matthews testifying ahead of the January 6th hearing. CNN was far ahead of everyone else and our competitors cited this reporting the rest of the week. (July 19)

- Senior National Security correspondent **Alex Marquardt** recently returned to the US from reporting in Ukraine for two weeks. His standout story was about a 10 year old checkers champion raising money for the Ukrainian army. (July 18)
- Anchor and Chief Washington correspondent **Jake Tapper** interviewed former National Security Adviser to Trump, John Bolton, who admitted to being involved in planning coups in other countries. (July 13)

Climate:

- Reporters **Hafsa Khalil** and **Toby Hancock** reported on the impact of the UK's hottest day and how it destroyed homes. (July 26)
- Chief Climate correspondent **Bill Weir** joined anchor **Brian Stelter** for an in-depth discussion about record-temperatures across the globe reigniting climate conversations and how journalists are adapting, saying “we’re all going to be climate reporters sooner or later.” (July 24)
- The Climate team reported on the impacts the War in Ukraine is having on the environment By **Rob Picheta** and **Angela Dewan**. (July 23)
- The Climate team reported that the amount of Greenland ice that melted last weekend could cover West Virginia in a foot of water By **Rene Marsh** and **Angela Fritz**. (July 20)
- The Climate team explored, How the climate crisis is forever changing our national parks By **Rachel Ramirez**. (July 10)

Global:

- Chief International Investigative correspondent **Nima Elbagir** visited remote gold mines in Sudan where senior leaders of the Russian mercenary group Wagner are siphoning Sudanese wealth to Russia, busting US sanctions with the help of Sudan’s military leadership. Following CNN’s investigation, thousands of protestors gathered in Khartoum to call for a return to civilian rule and the prosecution of Sudan’s military rulers for corruption. (July 31)
- While millions of Ukrainians were welcomed in the EU, International correspondent **David McKenzie** investigated why migrants coming from Tunisia and across the African continent are facing a very different outlook, with some forced into the world’s deadliest migration corridor. (July 22)
- CNN’s **As Equals Umuhoza Rahmat** explored the underground market of skin whitening products in Rwanda. (July 13)
- International correspondent **David McKenzie** reported from Tunisia on the country’s worsening food crisis due to the Russian blockade on Ukraine’s wheat exports, which is driving up food prices and decreasing supplies. (July 11)
- Chief International correspondent **Clarissa Ward** traveled to Somalia to see first-hand the devastating impact Russia’s blockade of Ukraine’s wheat exports is having on the country, which used to import 92% of its wheat from Russia and Ukraine. (July 7)
- CNN’s **Mick Krever**, **Phil Black**, **Kostyantyn Gak**, and **Richard Harlow** reported on a group of volunteers deep in the Ukrainian forest. (July 2)

INTERNATIONAL REPORTING IN JULY 2022:

On the Ground In Ukraine:

- Senior International correspondent **Ivan Watson** traveled the length of Ukraine’s southern front, from Odesa to the edge of Donbas region, speaking to people willing to risk their lives against the Russian war machine. (July 26)
- International Diplomatic editor **Nic Robertson** reveals the Western technology – including US-made trackers – being used in Russian drones to track and kill Ukrainian forces. (July 21)
- **Angus Watson**, **Ivan Watson**, **Olha Konovalova** and **Dan Hodge** spoke with families and Ukrainian citizens as they fled their homes. (July 21)
- Senior International correspondent **Matthew Chance** gets exclusive access to a filtration camp in Russia processing Ukrainian refugees, who share their terrifying experience fleeing a warzone. (July 20)

- International Diplomatic editor **Nic Robertson** speaks exclusively to Ukraine's former Prosecutor General Iryna Venediktova after she was fired by Ukrainian President Zelensky over staffers' collaboration with Russia. (July 20)
- Senior National Security correspondent **Alex Marquardt** meets the 10-year-old Ukrainian checkers world champion raising money to cover humanitarian aid and equipment for the Ukrainian army. (July 18)
- CNN's **Tim Lister** and **Oren Lieberman** reported on the US rockets that caused new problems for Russia. (July 14)
- CNN's International correspondent **Phil Black** gets access to the secret location of one of Ukraine's most powerful weapons - long-range precision artillery and rocket systems provided by the US and other Western partners. (July 6)

Sri Lanka In Crisis:

After former Sri Lankan president Gotabaya Rajapaksa resigned and then fled his crisis-hit country in mid-July, Senior International Correspondent **Will Ripley** traveled to Colombo to cover the political turmoil, making CNN the only US TV network with a reporter in Sri Lanka.

- **Will Ripley** secured an exclusive interview with the country's acting president Ranil Wickremesinghe, his first interview with an international news organization since he was appointed to that position by the former leader. (July 18)
- **Will Ripley** reported from Sri Lanka's capital of Colombo on the larger problems driving the country's worst financial crisis in 70 years. (July 15)
- **Rhea Mogul** looked at How Sri Lanka's runaway President went from 'war hero' to fugitive (July 14)

Resignation of British Prime Minister Boris Johnson:

CNN International covered every development leading up to and after the July 7 resignation of British Prime Minister Boris Johnson with special live programming anchored by **Isa Soares**, **Max Foster** and **Bianca Nobilo** outside UK Parliament and reporting from **Christiane Amanpour**, **Nina Dos Santos**, **Nada Bashir** and **Nic Robertson** outside 10 Downing Street.

- **Bianca Nobilo** stepped into the boxing ring to see how the final two candidates – Rishi Sunak and Liz Truss – stack up. (July 20)
- **Max Foster** looked at Boris Johnson's tumultuous tenure as UK Prime Minister. (July 7)
- **Christiane Amanpour** interviewed former Conservative MP and minister Rory Stewart, who said "Larry the Downing Street cat would be a better prime minister" than Boris Johnson. (July 6)
- **Isa Soares** spoke to Boris Johnson's Parliamentary Private Secretary James Duddridge who said Johnson is confident he'll remain PM. (July 6)

Assassination of Former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe:

Within 24-36 hours after the assassination of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on July 8, CNN had multiple teams positioned across Japan. International correspondent **Paula Hancocks**, Senior International correspondent **Matthew Chance** and Senior National correspondent **Kyung Lah** joined Tokyo-based correspondent **Blake Essig** for continued coverage of Abe's assassination and funeral service. CNN Digital stood up a live blog to cover every breaking element from nine bylined journalists.

- **Kyung Lah** looked at the controversial Unification Church after reports of alleged resentment held against the group by the man suspected of assassinating former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. (July 16)
- **Matthew Chance** reported from the site of Abe's assassination in Nara as mourners gather to pay their respect to the late prime minister. (July 12)
- **Nectar Gan** looked at Japan's strict gun laws (July 8) and Akie Abe as a widow. (July 11)

SUNDAY SHOWS EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEWS:

STATE OF THE UNION WITH JAKE TAPPER/DANA BASH:

- Pete Buttigieg, Transportation Secretary, was asked by **Jake Tapper** about airline delays and cancellations and the possible codification of same-sex marriage. (July 24)

- Governor Doug Ducey, R-Arizona, was asked by **Dana Bash** about his re-election bid amid the rise of far-right candidates. Later, Representative Elaine Luria, D-Virginia, explained what she thinks the committee will uncover in any upcoming hearings. (July 17)
- Governor J.B. Pritzker, D-Illinois, reacted to the holiday parade shooting in Highland Park and abortion rights in his state. Also, Governor Chris Sununu, R-New Hampshire, was asked by Jake Tapper about the restrictive abortion laws that have been implemented after the reversal of Roe v. Wade in some red states. Later in the show, Representative Zoe Lofgren, D-California, was asked about the Jan. 6 committee hearings and Pat Cipollone's testimony. (July 10)
- Governor Kristi Noem, R-South Dakota, was asked by Dana Bash about the recent reversal of Roe v. Wade. Noem was trending on Twitter following the interview for her controversial statements about a 10-year-old rape victim obtaining an abortion. Later during the program, Representative Adam Kinzinger, R-Illinois, reacted to Gov. Noem's interview with Dana Bash. He also was asked about Cassidy Hutchinson's testimony before the Jan. 6 committee. (July 3)

FAREED ZAKARIA GPS:

- Eleni Myrivili, PhD, Chief Heat Officer of Athens and **Fareed Zakaria** discussed how Europe, and the rest of the world, must adapt to a rapidly warming climate. (July 24)
- Natalia Gavriluța, Prime Minister of Moldova (2021-present) and **Fareed Zakaria** discussed Putin's recent provocative moves at the Moldovan border, and whether her nation is next on his list to invade. (July 24)
- Barham Saleh, President of Iraq (2018-present) and **Fareed Zakaria** discussed President Biden's first diplomatic trip to the Middle East and the relationship between Iraq and its neighbors. (July 17)
- Host **Fareed Zakaria** discussed America's war readiness in space with Gen Jay Raymond, chief of space operations, U.S. Space Force (2019-present). (July 10)
- Henry Kissinger, PhD, U.S. Secretary of State (Nixon & Ford Administrations, 1973-1977) and author (his latest, Leadership: Six Studies in World Strategy, 2022) discussed with **Fareed Zakaria** the prospects for ending Putin's war on Ukraine – and whether, 50 years on from the American "Watergate" political scandal of the Nixon Administration, the attack on the Capital on Jan. 6, 2021 represents a greater domestic crisis. (July 10)

CNN ORIGINAL SERIES AND FILMS:

CNN Original Series debuted two new series in July and had two impactful CNN Films debuts on HBO Max:

The five-time Emmy® Award-winning **United Shades of America** follows comedian and political provocateur **W. Kamau Bell** as he visits communities across America to explore the unique challenges they face, premiered on July 10. This season is the docuseries seventh and takes Bell to Appalachia, exploring the significant and largely unknown population of Black Americans who call the area home; to Bell's home state of California, an area plagued by constant wildfires, discovering how communities have learned to coexist with this frequent destruction; to New York City as he discusses Asian American representation in film and media, revealing the commonality between his own experience and theirs; and to Maricopa County in Arizona as Bell investigates the origins of "wokeness" and how the word "woke" has become politicized and enmeshed in the ideological debate over how the history of the United States is taught in schools.

Patagonia: Life on the Edge of the World, narrated by Chilean-born actor Pedro Pascal (*The Mandalorian*, *Game of Thrones*) premiered on July 10. This riveting six-part series marks CNN Original Series first venture into the wildlife documentary space. Filmed over one dramatic year by Chilean and Argentinian crews and with help from local researchers, producers and scientists, CNN audiences witness – in intimate detail and with unprecedented access – the wonders and the majestic animals of one of the last untouched places on earth, the far-off land of Patagonia in South America.

NAVALNY, the CNN Films, HBO MAX and Warner Bros. Pictures documentary about the poisoned and now-jailed Russian anti-corruption leader and presidential candidate premiered at the Hamptons International Film Festival SUMMERDOCS and the Martha's Vineyard Film Festival in July. The film earned critical acclaim and is directed by Daniel Roher.

The Last Movie Stars had its streaming premiere on HBO Max on July 21. This is a 6-part documentary directed by Ethan Hawke, executive produced by CNN Films for HBO Max and explores the lives, legacy, and marriage of actors Joanne Woodward and Paul Newman, largely told through the voiced transcripts, of a long-discarded memoir project of Paul Newman's, using contemporary actors. Certified 100%

fresh: https://www.rottentomatoes.com/tv/the_last_movie_stars (July 21)

DISTINCTIVE VISUAL REPORTING:

- **Visualizing the inequality of abortion access in a post-Roe America:** Original CNN reporting from **Daniel Wolfe, Priya Krishnakumar** and **Tal Yellin**, an interactive look into abortion access in post-Roe America, where 112 million residents face at least a 3.5-hour drive to the nearest abortion clinic. Here's who will be most affected and what access looks like in your state. <https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2022/us/abortion-laws-access-by-state/index.html> (June 30/July 1)
- **"The search for life across the solar system"** from **Ashley Strickland, Curt Merrill, Alicia Johnson, Kelly Flynn** and **Taylor Su** visualized the revelations of the first infrared images from the James Webb Space Telescope. We know its capabilities could reveal what's inside the atmospheres of potentially habitable exoplanets. But the search for life beyond Earth goes beyond Webb, playing out in our own cosmic backyard as space agencies send robotic missions to planets like Mars and ocean world moons around Jupiter and Saturn. Our latest interactive explores the intriguing characteristics of these worlds and the robots that will investigate them.
- **The interactive "Power in Chaos: Steve Bannon is disrupting democracy. This is how."** was a deep look into how Bannon amplifies election denialism, hands a megaphone to conspiracy theorists and has wreaked havoc on free and fair elections. It's all part of his precinct strategy playbook – installing election deniers into public office and at the polls. As CNN's **David Chalian** put it: "Steve Bannon right now in this time is setting the agenda — even more than Donald Trump."

AUDIO:

In July, CNN Audio offered engaging, informative, and of-the-moment news content that listeners crave across its slate of podcast programming. *The Axe Files with David Axelrod* continued to be a listener favorite for its revealing interviews with key figures in politics. Senator Chris Murphy joined the podcast to talk about new gun safety legislation, the politicization of the Supreme Court and more.

AWARDS/HONORS CNN RECEIVED IN JULY:

- CNN Worldwide received 39 nominations for the 43rd Annual News and Documentary Emmy® Awards. CNN's diverse nominations encompass news programming and interviews, CNN Films, and Special Reports. Also included are nominations for CNN International, CNN Digital, and CNN en Español.
- CNN Original Series was honored with five Primetime Emmy® Award nominations for *Stanley Tucci: Searching for Italy*, including Outstanding Hosted Nonfiction Series or Special.
- CNN received eight NABJ *Salute to Excellence* Awards across TV, Digital, Audio, and PR/Marketing. These awards recognize journalism that best covers the Black experience or addresses issues affecting the worldwide Black community.
- **Nima Elbagir** will be honored as the Percy Qoboza Foreign Journalist of the Year Award by the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ). The award recognizes an international journalist who has done extraordinary work while overcoming tremendous obstacles that contributes to the enrichment, understanding or advancement of people or issues in the African Diaspora.
- The Digiday Media Awards Europe recognizes the companies, campaigns and technology modernizing European media. CNN won two awards for 'Best Content Studio for CNN Create' and 'Best Site Design for CNN Create + Samsung'.