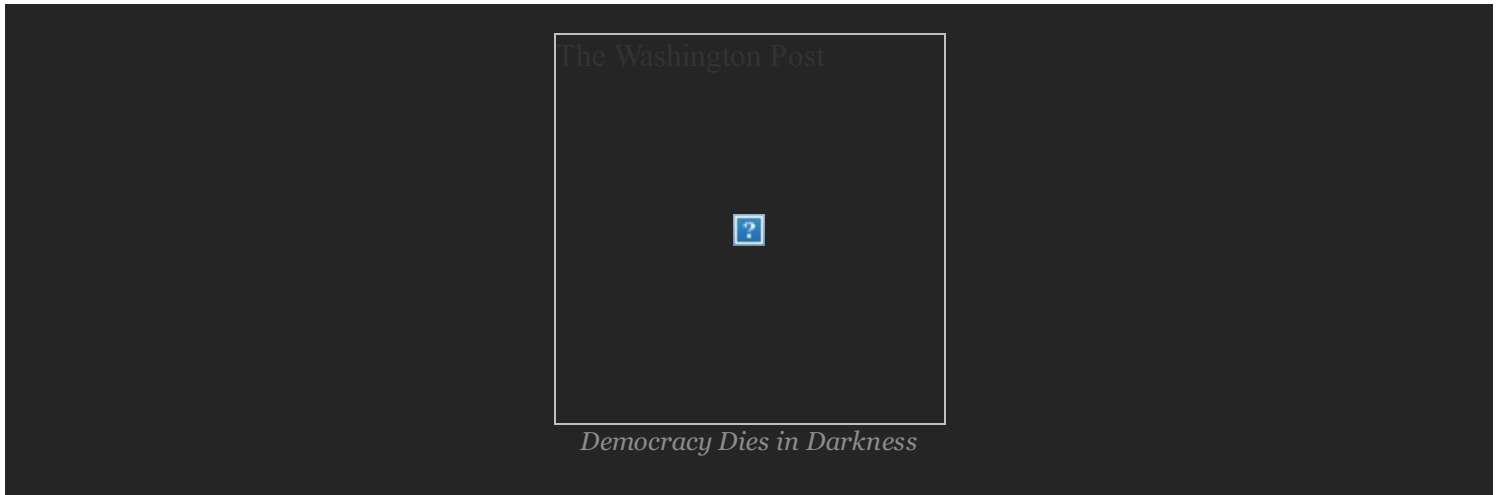


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In a directive sent Sept. 1 to National Weather Service personnel — hours after President Trump asserted, with no evidence, that Alabama “would most likely be hit (much) harder than anticipated” by Hurricane Dorian — staff was told to “only stick with official National Hurricane Center forecasts if questions arise from some national level social media posts which hit the news this afternoon.”

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration officials sent a similar message warning scientists and meteorologists not to speak out on Wednesday, after Trump showed a hurricane map from Aug. 29 modified with a hand-drawn half-circle in black Sharpie around Alabama.

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