EXTRAORDINARY EXECUTIVE CONTROL

Daily Bayesian-structured warning report | Saturday, October 17, 2026 | Public-source cutoff: 08:55 EDT (12:55 UTC)

PREPARATION P(t)	EXECUTED STATE	E1 TO E2 GATE	BASELINE
101.4	**E2**	**OPEN**	**100.0**
+0.1 versus Oct 16	D.C.-limited only	preexisting D.C. mission	+1.4 index units

Headline determination. The October 16 Justice Department warning to California election officials about possible criminal liability adds civilian federal-state pressure (Q). It does **not** show that federal troops control election activities, that election officials have been prosecuted, or that normal civilian authority has been displaced. The D.C.-limited E2 classification and its preexisting functional execution gate are unchanged. [S65,S30]

Interpretation safeguard. 101.4 is a normalized expert evidence INDEX, not a probability or statistically validated Bayesian posterior. The existing D.C. Guard mission is coded E2 only under the broad criterion covering actual presidentially directed military policing support. A narrower direct-arrest/Title 10 requirement would not be established by this record. [S30]

1 | Daily reconciliation

Node / treatment	Observed event or model assumption	Index delta
Q / DOJ California threat	Oct 16 follow-on letter warning of possible criminal liability for ballot tabulation; existing CA cluster, novelty discounted. [S65]	+0.20
N / congressional oversight	Oct 16 Padilla-Durbin-Whitehouse letter calls for DOJ non-seizure pledge; request, not operative injunction. [S66]	-0.05
J and O / decay	Expert decay assumption for older short-lived rhetoric and isolated staging observations; not a new event.	-0.05
J / duplicate discount	President social-media amplification of same DOJ letter; no separate independent event. [S65]	0.00
Independent clustering	No newly independent multi-family moderate+ cluster in <=72-hour event window.	0.00
NET change	101.3 + 0.20 - 0.05 - 0.05 = 101.4 (Oct 17).	+0.10

Leading positive contributor: explicit DOJ criminal-liability warning to local election officials. **Leading negative contributors:** continuing California refusal to rely on unverified list, congressional scrutiny, earlier judicial voter-data restrictions, and prior military/FBI election noninterference assurances. [S65,S66,S57]

2 | New evidence ledger and provenance

New substantive items are keyed to distinct underlying events. Source-origin counts are distinct from the number of articles repeating the same wire report; republishing does not increase the score.

Q-CA-DOJ-CRIMINAL-WARNING-20261016 | Q | MODERATE incremental Q pressure; +0.20 on prior California legal/administrative event (novelty discounted)

A second DOJ letter, dated Friday October 16 and obtained by AP, warned Los Angeles County counsel and copied state/county election officials that knowingly tabulating ballots identified as from noncitizens could expose officials to aiding-and-abetting criminal liability. This followed the Oct 15 DOJ civil lawsuit and remains part of the SAME California event cluster. No prosecution of election officials was verified. [S65,S54,S55]

Event / first observed	2026-10-16 / 2026-10-17 08:55 EDT review
Reliability / confirming origins	HIGH for issuance/text (independent AP copy); UNVERIFIED for federal list eligibility claims; not corroboration of alleged crimes / 1
Pathway	Civilian DOJ enforcement threat to state/local ballot tabulation; potential federal-state coercion. Not Insurrection Act, Title 10 or military election enforcement.
Persistence / decay	Decay ~14 days half-life as outstanding legal threat; supersede on withdrawal, court ruling, confirmed prosecution, or election outcome
Correlation / contradictory	CA-DOJ-BALLOT-DEMAND-20261013 / California registrar publicly referred contested federal assertions to court; no verified prosecution or physical seizure; list methodology remains disputed [S65,S57].

J-CA-PRESIDENT-REMARKS-20261016 | J | WEAK J, zero incremental due to same DOJ letter event

AP reported that late on October 16 the president amplified the DOJ election-official criminal warning in a social-media remark predicting jail sentences. This is a rhetorical signal within the same event cluster, not an instruction documented to military authorities or proof of prosecutions. [S65]

Event / first observed	2026-10-16 / 2026-10-17 08:55 EDT review
Reliability / confirming origins	HIGH for AP report of statement; LOW as evidence of actual future executive execution / 1
Pathway	Public criminal-enforcement justification for civilian California election-data/ballot dispute, not military authorization.
Persistence / decay	Rhetoric half-life 2 days; zero independent score
Correlation / contradictory	CA-DOJ-BALLOT-DEMAND-20261013 / The letter is an assertion of potential liability; it is not a judgment, indictment or criminal prosecution. County contests evidentiary basis.

N-SENATE-NONINTERFERENCE-LETTER-20261016 | N | WEAK-to-MODERATE oversight negative; -0.05 because no operative order or enforceable injunction

Senators Padilla, Durbin and Whitehouse publicly requested DOJ affirm that it will not seize ballots, equipment or other election material before certification. They cited earlier assurances by FBI Director Patel and Gen. Caine against electoral interference. Request has no binding force and does not itself show DOJ compliance. [S66,S65]

Event / first observed	2026-10-16 / 2026-10-17 08:55 EDT review
Reliability / confirming origins	HIGH for issued oversight correspondence, not independent proof of all allegations recited in it / 1
Pathway	Congressional oversight on DOJ/FBI election-material custody; related armed forces non-interference assurances; executive constraint.
Persistence / decay	~14-day oversight half-life pending DOJ reply due Oct 29, revised law or court action
Correlation / contradictory	CONGRESSIONAL-DOJ-NONINTERFERENCE-20261016 / DOJ has not publicly made the requested new pledge in the reviewed record; Senators have no direct operational veto via letter.

N-MIL-ELECTION-PLANS-RECONFIRM-20261017 | N | MODERATE underlying constraint, zero new index points (same prior MIL-ELECTION-PLANS cluster)

The Oct 16 Senate letter quotes Gen. Dan Caine as previously confirming no plans to put federal troops/federalized Guard at polling places or seize election materials; FBI Director Kash Patel reportedly pledged non-seizure before certification. Both describe earlier commitments and are not a fresh operative deployment change. [S66]

Event / first observed	2026-09 (earlier letters/hearing; recited 2026-10-16) / 2026-10-17 contextual recheck
Reliability / confirming origins	HIGH for primary Senate account of testimony/correspondence; underlying military plan status may change / 1
Pathway	Federal troop/nonfederalized Guard election presence and ballot seizure restrictions
Persistence / decay	Policy constraint until contradicted by actual orders or activity; monitor daily
Correlation / contradictory	MIL-ELECTION-PLANS-2026 / An assurance of present plans is not a legal prohibition on later action; reports of D.C. Guard proximity to a ballot box had stated ordinary-patrol explanation.

3 | Six-family precursor screen

Family	Observed and interpreted status	New contribution
L Legal	Prior OLC voter-list legal theory continues; no newly located public Insurrection Act, Title 10 or military-election activation on current published indices. [S67,S70]	0.00
A Administrative	D.C. Guard special-purpose command remains preexisting; no new joint election-control tasking confirmed. [S31,S66]	0.00
O Operational	Actual D.C. Guard patrol/arrest-support mission persists; no new troop use at polling places or new staging established. [S30,S66]	0.00
Q Federal/state	Oct 16 DOJ criminal-liability warning to county/state officials follows Oct 13 demand and Oct 15 suit; one CA causal chain. [S65]	+0.20
J Justification	Oct 16 presidential amplification of DOJ letter counts as correlated rhetoric only. [S65]	0.00
N Constraints	Oct 16 Senate demand is nonbinding oversight; CA official contest, existing limits and appellate litigation continue. [S66,S57,S30]	-0.05

Coverage distinction. State-controlled Title 32 Guard under a governor does not by itself count as a new federal E1/E2 trigger. The D.C. Guard is uniquely subject to presidential command; the D.C. case must not be generalized to every state mobilization. [S30, prior S64]

4 | E1-to-E2 execution gate audit

Test	Evidence	Finding
Qualified old trigger	D.C. Guard force physically conducting a president-directed public-safety mission, patrols and support for civilian arrest operations, as reported Oct 14. [S30]	YES, preexisting
New invocation/order	No new public Insurrection Act activation, Title 10 federalization for election control, or similar qualifying military mission found by cutoff. [S67,S70]	NOT verified
New election military operation	No verified troops seizing ballots or ordering state officials to stop counting; DOJ civil suit and threat do not meet military gate. [S65,S66]	NO
Displacement of civil authority	California officials still administering elections and contesting DOJ in courts; D.C. local government and courts still operative. [S57,S30]	NO E3
Alternative strict rule	Direct Guard arrests/searches or formal Title 10 federalization not independently confirmed in reviewed D.C. materials.	E2 sensitive

State: E2, D.C.-limited under the broad operational criterion. **Gate:** OPEN for that continuing mission only, not for California or a new nationwide action. **E3:** not established. The October 14 E1-to-E2 jump in the accumulated series was a methodological coding correction, not a dated deployment escalation. [S30]

5 | Model mechanics and calibration limits

Two-stage structure: Observable L, A, O, Q, J, N evidence -> hidden preparation index P(t) -> separately gated executed state E(t). An implementable expert-scale update is: P(t) = 100 + sum of novelty-adjusted weighted decayed precursor contributions + independent-family clustering, with negative constraints subtracted. This is **not** a fitted Bayes posterior: likelihood ratios, observation dependencies, baseline transition priors and gate sensitivities remain subject to empirical estimation.

Working persistence rules: J rhetoric and O transient proximity/staging ~2-7 days half-life; Q continuing federal-state demands ~14 days; L opinions / A organizations ~30-90 days unless superseded; N constraints until expiration, stay, reversal or verified noncompliance. Today -0.05 short-lived decay is an expert assumption.

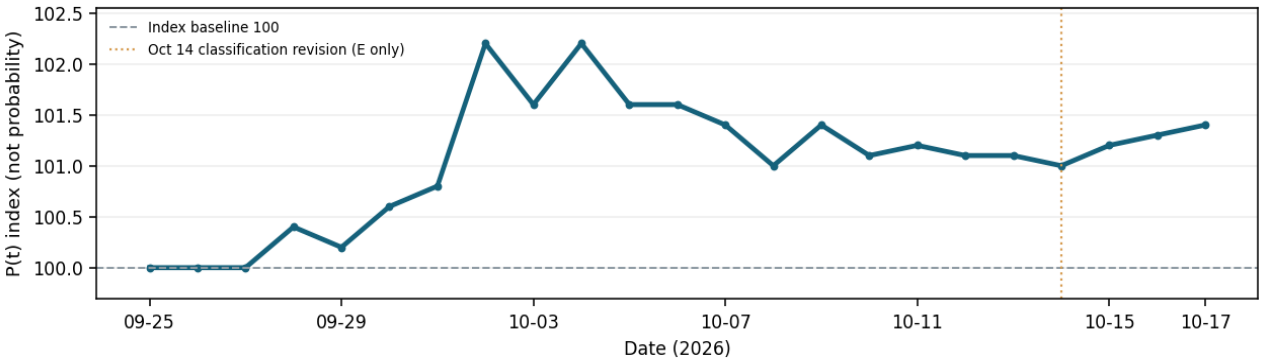
Cross-family clusters: A short-window bonus is considered only for >=2 independently originated moderate or stronger families in <=72 hours. California Q, the DOJ justification statement (J), and the response (N) are causally coupled; counting them as separate independent positive warnings would inflate confidence.

Historical sanity checks only: Little Rock 1957, Detroit 1967 and Los Angeles 1992 should open the E1->E2 gate where actual presidential deployment/federal military domestic intervention occurred. Ferguson 2014 should not become federal E2 solely from governor-controlled Guard; D.C. 2020 should register high E1 without automatic E2 for mere readiness; January 6, 2021 unrest should not become E2 without federal military execution. Six episodes cannot statistically validate a classifier or generate probabilities.

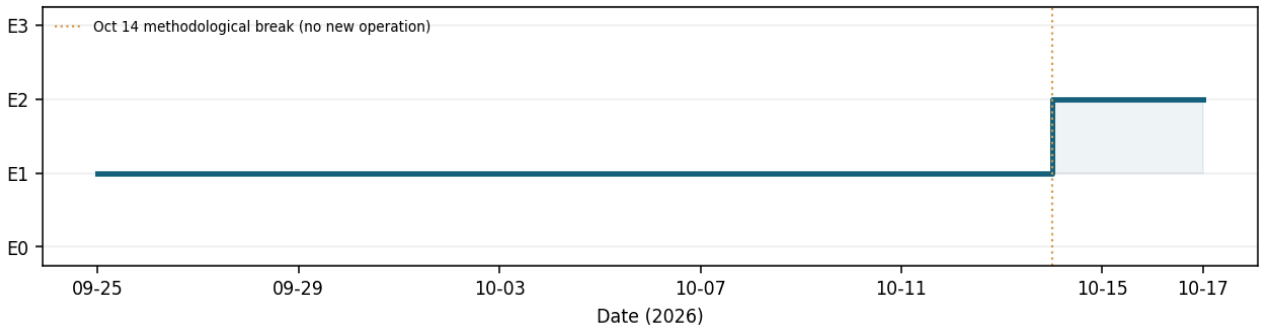
6 | Accumulated independent trends

23 daily points, September 25 through October 17. Both are categorical/ordinal tracking artifacts, not risk probabilities.

A. Preparation-state evidence index P(t)



B. Executed-state E(t), separate from precursor intensity



Oct 14 vertical annotation: revision in coding of the existing D.C. deployment; does not represent a new deployment that day. E2 is geographically scoped, not nationwide.

Day	P(t)	E(t)	Gate	Change
2026-10-09	101.4	E1	closed	+0.4
2026-10-10	101.1	E1	closed	-0.3
2026-10-11	101.2	E1	closed	+0.1
2026-10-12	101.1	E1	closed	-0.1
2026-10-13	101.1	E1	closed	+0.0
2026-10-14	101.0	E2	open	-0.1
2026-10-15	101.2	E2	open	+0.2
2026-10-16	101.3	E2	open	+0.1
2026-10-17	101.4	E2	open	+0.1

7 | Prediction market, constraints, and horizon

Prediction-market side channel: October 17 retrieval of the Polymarket Dec 31 Insurrection Act contract shows a displayed headline around 15% YES, while displayed ask/FAQ text suggests roughly 17%; quote timestamp and bid/ask synchronization are unavailable. It is NOT a model E2 probability and its contribution is exactly zero. The contract covers formal Insurrection Act invocation only, not all E2 functional missions. [S68]

Congress: Twentieth Amendment default is noon EST on January 3, 2027; two-day monitor horizon is January 5, 2027. No enacted alteration identified in the targeted October 17 check, though statutory search coverage is not comprehensive; re-check each run because January 3 falls on Sunday. [S60,S69]

Uncertainty register: Whether California obtained court relief after the cutoff, whether DOJ commenced any actual prosecution/seizure, whether military plans changed in nonpublic channels, and whether D.C. Guard support crosses the preferred legal rather than functional E2 threshold are not resolved by the reviewed material.

8 | Source register (clickable)

S65 Associated Press, October 16 DOJ letter threatening potential criminal liability for CA election officials (reviewed Oct 17)
https://apnews.com/article/california-justice-department-voting-noncitizens-c42a8b3497a9529d923274f70cdcbcbb

S66 Senator Alex Padilla: Padilla, Durbin, Whitehouse demand DOJ not seize ballots; October 16, 2026
https://www.padilla.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/padilla-durbin-whitehouse-demand-doj-commit-to-not-seize-ballots-voting-equipment-during-midterm-elections/

S54 United States v. California, Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief, filed October 15, 2026 (No. 2:26-cv-12025)
https://www.justice.gov/opa/media/1466286/dl?inline=

S55 DOJ Office of Public Affairs: Justice Department Sues State of California over Voter List (October 15, 2026)
https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-sues-state-california-over-voter-list

S56 UCLA Voting Rights Project / CHIRLA: emergency TRO / preliminary injunction application and court scheduling update (October 15, 2026)
https://vrp.ucla.edu/chirla-and-ucla-voting-rights-project-ask-court-to-stop-justice-department-from-segregating-california-ballots/

S57 Associated Press: administration sues California to block ballots pending citizenship verification (October 15, 2026)
https://apnews.com/article/california-justice-department-voting-noncitizens-lawsuit-12c62cf12a7db6480c60975b6dea49b8

S30 Associated Press, D.C. Guard appeals hearing and continuing mission (Oct. 14, 07:10 EDT)
https://apnews.com/article/trump-national-guard-washington-dc-79578459490a2fa1a18d5460cff69029

S31 U.S. Army, D.C. Guard 260th Special Purpose Brigade established (Mar. 10, 2026)
https://www.army.mil/article/290971/dc_guard_activates_unique_brigade_to_strengthen_security_in_nations_capital

S67 White House Presidential Actions page, October 17 review
https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/

S70 DOJ OLC opinions database; October 17 review
https://www.justice.gov/olc/opinions

S68 Polymarket Insurrection Act by December 31 contract page, October 17 retrieval (price timestamp not verifiable)
https://polymarket.com/event/insurrection-act-invoked-by/insurrection-act-invoked-by-december-31-184-556

S60 National Archives: U.S. Constitution, Twentieth Amendment, Sections 1-2
https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/amendments-11-27

S69 U.S. Senate Dates of Sessions of Congress; October 17 review
https://www.senate.gov/legislative/DatesofSessionsofCongress.htm

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