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- Imani Gandy: Hello, fellow law nerds! Welcome to another episode of Boom! Lawyered, a Rewire News Group podcast, hosted by the legal journalism team that is coming at you from the Biden-Harris Administration. Woo-hoo! Let's just woo-hoo for days! I got the woo-hoo's and I'm Imani Gandy.
- Jessica Pieklo: And I'm Jess Pieklo. Rewire News Group is dedicated to inspiring you to own your relationship to sex, abortion, parenthood and power and the Team Legal podcast is part of that mission so a big thanks to our subscribers and a welcome to our new listeners.
- Imani Gandy: Oh my God, Jess. I mean...
- Jessica Pieklo: I mean...
- Imani Gandy: Ay-yi-yi...
- Jessica Pieklo: That's it, that's the show, we're speechless already.
- Imani Gandy: I mean, it was just, yesterday was a magical day for so many reasons, not just because we finally got you-know-who out of the White House, but also because we made history. We have a vice-president who is a woman, she's a woman of color. She is Black, she is desi. And just watching Sonia Sotomayor swear her in I just, I really did get chills. I felt just the gravity of the moment and it was just, it was awesome. It was awesome.
- Jessica Pieklo: It was, I mean, to have Justice Sotomayor swearing in Vice President Kamala Harris on Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall's bible is a moment it's like a capital A ,capital M, moment, right?
- Imani Gandy: It absolutely was. It really was. And unfortunately, and I feel bad both for Kamala Harris and Sonia Sotomayor, but she did pronounce Kamala Harris's name wrong. She pronounced it Ka-MAH-la and it's one of those things where I have an unusual name so I really, really felt for her because I know she was just walking up to that podium like just say KAM-ah-la, just say KAM-ah-la, just say KAM-ah-la. And then she was like, "Ka-MAH-la, ah, crap." And I could see sort of like a twinge and Kamala's face where it was just like, ah, but you know what? It doesn't take away from the fact that as you said, we had the Latino Justice swearing in a black and desi Vice President on Thurgood Marshall's bible. It was really, really momentous. And I do want to have a little side note. There were people on Twitter who were upset about the mispronunciation of her name and decided that they were going to call Sonia Sotomayor, Sotomay-er or mess up her name, which is not useful because it's not like Sonia Sotomayor is some white supremacist asshole who was screwing up her name on purpose.

It was a mistake. It was a mistake. I mean, remember when Chief Justice Roberts screwed up Barack Obama's oath so bad he had to go back and do it again. I mean, that's a nerve wracking moment to be up in front of all the, I mean, I know she's a Supreme Court Justice, but even so that's a nerve wracking moment. So, let's all just give Sonia a little bit of, it's all right, girl, it's okay. But her name is Kamala, so let's just keep that energy going through 2021.

Jessica Pieklo: Yeah. I mean, Supreme Court Justices are people too, right? I mean, she's going to mess up. But that, yeah. And don't do this to Sonia Sotomayor folks, that's not-

Imani Gandy: Don't do that, but let's can we talk a bit about President Joe? I almost just called him President Joe like I know him- [laughter]

Jessica Pieklo: President Joe is great.

Imani Gandy: Papa Joe's inauguration speech. He talked about white nationalism specifically. I think that is the first time that a president has said the words, white supremacy in a speech, in an inaugural address, that was a moment. It really was just like, this is a new administration, we're not fucking around anymore guys.

Jessica Pieklo: Yeah. It really was that historic moment to have Joe Biden call out white nationalism by its name to say it plainly, and to identify it as an enemy of the people, it goes along with AOC talking about a multiracial democracy and to have this all called together in sort of this spirit of this day, it was historic. And I think really set the tone because then what followed was this flurry of executive order activities that was like, okay, first of all- [crosstalk 00:04:27]

Imani Gandy: It was hot.

Jessica Pieklo: It's hot. It's sexy. The APA is back, baby, it's all administrative procedure, we're going to talk about it. I'm so excited that- [crosstalk] It was a flurry on climate, on racial justice, on LGBTQ rights and it was enough to make me as a law nerd sweat and glow and just.... I mean, I don't even know where to start. The Bostock order.

Imani Gandy: Yeah, start with the Bostock order.

Jessica Pieklo: Okay. So, do you folks remember that Supreme Court case that we talked about on the podcast where the big question was, can your boss fire you for being trans or gay? Right? You remember that, Imani?

Imani Gandy: I do. I remember it well.

Jessica Pieklo: And Justice, Neil Gorsuch came through-

Imani Gandy: Wait, wait, wait. We said, we weren't going to call him that anymore because he did come through. So we're going to ease up on that and we're going to double down on Brett Kavanaugh and Justice Kingdom of God.

Jessica Pieklo: In the spirit of unification I will take that back. Justice *Gorsuch* delivered an opinion that said quite plainly, the text of the Federal Civil Rights Law that protects you at your workplace, Title VII, that that protects you if you're gay and trans. And this was a huge decision. And the Trump administration was very upset about it because they argued that Title VII shouldn't. And so after that decision had done a bunch of administrative shit basically to try and undercut it. And on day one, the Biden-Harris Administration said, nope, that's not going to stand. We are going to undo that in an order that says, basically sexual orientation and gender identity are protected under federal law, under Title VII, very plainly don't fuck around with that.

And it gets better because it directs other agencies to start the process of making those federal laws align this way. So, we talk a lot about the fact that that was a good decision, but it doesn't reach to things like housing, right? So, you can still get kicked out of your apartment in some places, if you're gay or trans -- the Biden-Harris Administration yesterday started the process of making that a legal impossibility. And that is fucking sexy.

Imani Gandy: It's fucking sexy. And it's a fucking huge deal. And do you know what else is amazing? Remember the huge fight we were having about the census?

Jessica Pieklo: Oh yeah.

Imani Gandy: Whether or not undocumented immigrants could be counted in the census and Trump was trying-

Jessica Pieklo: Are they people?

Imani Gandy: Are they people under the law? And Trump was like, "no, not really." And we were like, "yes, yes, really!" Well, what did Biden do? He was like, "no, Trump." I like a whack-a-mole, he just whacked his head right back down into the hole. And now if you're undocumented, you will be counted in the census. And that is huge because it means you will be represented in Congress. It means that you will be counted when it comes to divvying up federal funds that go to different cities, municipalities, districts, that's a really, really big deal.

And it also means that documented immigrants will be counted because remember, this has been four years of racial terror when it comes to-

Jessica Pieklo: That's exactly what it is, racial terror.

Imani Gandy: When it comes to Latinx people, right? I mean, even if you are documented, even if you are a citizen, you have a green card, you were still under threat of

deportation by the fascists that were running ICE. I mean, it was just horrible. So not only are undocumented immigrants protected, but documented immigrants can breathe a little bit more easily. And I think that that is really, really important.

Jessica Pieklo: And quick shout out to the advocates at places like the American Civil Liberties Union, who for the last four years really stayed on the Trump Administration's ass on these policies and sued them up to the Supreme Court multiple times, particularly on the census. This is really what the work that needed to happen during that administration, the advocates who were in court and really challenging each of these policies day in and day out. Wow. Did you really set the stage for a Biden-Harris Administration to come in and of all the things to clean up at least make some of this a little easier, because it's not like that was it. We also have a whole flurry of executive orders that are coming down the pipes – like, the competency already. We've got a schedule, Imani! They let us know ahead of time what's happening!

Imani Gandy: You mean, I don't have to wake up in a panic at 06:00 in the morning and check Twitter to see whether or not for example, Donald Trump has tried to eliminate trans people from existence as he wants to in a tweet?

Jessica Pieklo: No, I mean, and here we are in, in this barrage of executive actions, we have a promise to undo the trans military ban, which again was something you said Trump tweeted that out. That was policy via Twitter and the Biden-Harris Administration's like, nah, we're going to protect Dreamers.

Imani Gandy: Oh my God. And that's so huge because there's about 800,000 of them.

Jessica Pieklo: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Imani Gandy: And they were really at risk for being deported wholesale. I mean, wholesale, the reason why remember the DACA case?

Jessica Pieklo: Oh yeah.

Imani Gandy: The DACA case that we won and we were very excited about, but we were also, measurably excited because Roberts and the conservatives on the court didn't say, oh no, Dreamers, you're cool, you can stay forever. They basically said, oh yeah, Trump Administration, you screwed up on the administrative agency part of it on the rulemaking part of it and so that's why we're going to kick this back. Had Trump won again he would have absolutely done the lawsuit right this time with lawyers, actual lawyers, instead of Bob Loblaw from Arrested Development who doesn't know a shit thing about agency law, these are, he would've done it again, he would have gotten it right and we would have been almost a million people short in this country. So Dreamers protected, what else did he do? What else? Just give it to me, it's making me very excited.

Jessica Pieklo: Blocking the Keystone Pipeline.

Imani Gandy: The Keystone fracking pipeline people. I mean, oh God, I saw so many indigenous people who were so jazzed about the Keystone Pipeline. And it's just, it's a huge deal. Why are we running pipelines through indigenous people's lands? Why are we doing that? It's bad for the environment. It's their land, I'm very, very happy about the Keystone Pipeline. What else? Give me more, give me more, give me more. I need more.

Jessica Pieklo: Okay. Imani. COVID.

Imani Gandy: What?

Jessica Pieklo: Why we have a mask mandate on federal property.

Imani Gandy: What? I mean just think about what that means - science matters again, which is amazing, but just think about what happened during the insurrection, right? How many Congress people caught COVID from Republican ding-dongs who refuse to wear masks because they were barricaded on the House floor, right? I mean, I know Pramila Jayapal did. I know there's Brad somebody, I'm sorry, he's a white guy and his name is Brad. I don't know. Remember his last name, but there were several people who-

Jessica Pieklo: Ayanna Pressley's husband, I believe.

Imani Gandy: Ayanna Pressley's husband, exactly. I mean, it is unconscionable for you to be in a room with people breathing air all over them and not wearing a mask in a pandemic. I don't understand what is wrong with people, but you know what? It's okay because Biden said if you're going to be on federal property, you're going to put a mask on. I don't want to hear about it. Oh, love it. What else? Give me more. I need more.

Jessica Pieklo: We're getting into an eviction moratorium too. I mean, and then we could talk like for hours about this I'll tee this one up and then we can move on, but an eviction and foreclosure moratorium in the middle of an economic crisis during the pandemic, like duh.

Imani Gandy: Right. It shouldn't have even been a question. Just the very fact that we have a COVID policy now, like we might actually be able to, I don't know, get this pandemic under control, imagine that.

Jessica Pieklo: There's the possibility that you and I might be in the same room together in the future Imani.

Imani Gandy: I want to hug you in person.

Jessica Pieklo: Imani's not a hugger and the fact that she just said she wants to hug me, fellow law nerds, this is huge!

Imani Gandy: It's a big deal because I don't like people, I don't like them touching me. Why are you touching me? Get off me seriously, get off me. Ah, but let's talk about the nominations, right? Can we talk about the nominations? We already did our love song to the Department of Justice. I'm going to shout out Vanita Gupta and Kristen Clarke again, because my God, I love you ladies, but we're getting a new Health and Human Services Agency. And that is such a big deal, especially for our issues that I don't even know what to do with myself right now so I'm just going to knock it back over to you and let you talk to me about how big of a deal it is that we're going to get a new HHS Agency.

Jessica Pieklo: While you were leading this up I had to sit on my hands, so I wouldn't accidentally knocked the microphone or the water around because I am so excited about what Health and Human Services is going to look like compared to what it has been that I'm wildly gesticulating. Okay. So President Biden has nominated California Attorney General Xavier Becerra to lead the agency. And this is so huge, okay? This is excellent news for just about every issue that progressives care about.

Imani Gandy: I mean, look, when he was Attorney General in California, he sued the crap out of the Trump Administration, right? He took them to court for trying to block family planning funding for abortions. He took them to court for trying to take away your birth control. He took them to court for trying to block healthcare services for trans patients and that's just naming a few. I mean, and it gets better and it gets better.

Jessica Pieklo: How?

Imani Gandy: I mean, I'm going to need you to just take a moment. I need everyone to take a beat because what I'm about to say is going to be groundbreaking. He nominated Dr. Rachel Levine for Assistant Secretary at HHS. She will be the first openly trans person confirmed by the Senate in a federal agency role if she is confirmed by the Senate, this is, we're going to have a true person in the Health and Human Services Agency. And given how much the Trump Administration tried to screw trans people out of healthcare rights, this is beyond huge. It's amazing. I am beside myself and I'm going to let you talk about it now because I just... wooooo, child.

Jessica Pieklo: So, Dr. Levine is a pediatrician and the current Pennsylvania Secretary of Health, if she's confirmed to HHS, she will oversee programs that under the Trump Administration were actually weaponized against trans folks. So this is when we talk about representation mattering in healthcare in particular, trans folks have been targeted by the Trump Administration and conservatives for a lot of really disingenuous political reasons. And this signals to me that the Biden Administration understands the conservatives will be up to that nonsense again.

And this is just like fresh air, I'm just breathing in. I can't get enough of it. It's really astonishing.

Imani Gandy: And speaking of trans folks and representation, if you go to whitehouse.gov, the White House website, it asks you for your pronouns.

Jessica Pieklo: Get out.

Imani Gandy: It asks you for your fucking pronouns now. And that may seem minor, but for trans people, they're consistently saying that it's important for cis people, people who are not transgender to use pronouns, to normalize the use of pronouns, and you get these people like these conservative ding-dongs on Twitter, who are like, "oh, you have she, her in your bio, you're one of those pronoun people like you don't use pronouns." Everybody uses pronouns! It's just a matter of which pronouns you use. And it's not that difficult to use the pronouns that people ask you to use but for some reason, this has become an issue and it's not an issue. It's not going to be an issue if you go to go to whitehouse.gov. Not only that, the website also includes gender neutral honorifics, right? So for Mr. Mrs. Ms. And then there's Mx. for non-binary folks, it's like...

Jessica Pieklo: Within hours. Within hours.

Imani Gandy: Yeah, within hours. And again, this may seem like a minor detail, but when it comes to representation, when it comes to people recognizing you as a human, as a person who is deserving of rights and humanity, it just signals that trans rights are going to be very important to this administration. And I, for one, think that's fucking fantastic.

Jessica Pieklo: And it's scaffolding, right? The minor point of having whitehouse.gov ask for pronouns and have gender neutral honorifics scaffolds to the larger policy point that they did with dropping the Bostock EO. So this is consistent across the board for the administration and just so, so good to see.

Imani Gandy: So good to see.

Jessica Pieklo: They also did something really hot and sexy within immediately taking over. What was that?

Imani Gandy: Okay. First of all, can we talk for a moment about the 1776 Commission, which was that ridiculous document that was clearly a reaction to the 1619 Project that the New York Times put out last year. So, this 1776 Commission was basically like, "hey guys, slavery wasn't that big of a deal and besides everyone was doing it-"

Jessica Pieklo: Everyone, literally everyone.

Imani Gandy: "Literally everyone. So it's not really fair, it's actually unpatriotic to talk about slavery as if it were a uniquely American institution," which, yes, slavery, there's been slavery throughout history from biblical times on up, but you know what the United States perfected? Chattel slavery. Do you know what the United States perfected? Broodmare slavery, right? Basically dragging black women, African women over here, raping them, forcing them to act as broodmares in order to squeeze out the next generation of enslaved people.

I mean, it's just, it is disgusting to me that this country wants to just wipe over this horrible history of ours, just because they don't think it's patriotic to talk about slavery anymore. Well, Biden wasn't having any of that. Gone. 1776 Commission's gone off whitehouse.gov. Literally Trump dropped that on Martin Luther King Day, which was offensive. It was up for a hot 48 hours. And Biden was like, nah, dog, we're out of here. We're not doing this anymore. So I just loved that.

Jessica Pieklo: It was amazing. Literally it was 404 error page not found as soon as they walked into the White House. And that is sexy. Frankly, I'm surprised that that 1776 Commission didn't say it was your patriotic duty to engage in chattel slavery given what Mike Pompeo was tweeting out as he was leaving office, which was like, yeah, white nationalism forever.

Imani Gandy: Seriously. He seriously said something about how wokeism and multiculturalism are not American.

Jessica Pieklo: Right? So they get that other Biden EO, right? On critical race theory. I mean...

Imani Gandy: Remember that? Remember Trump started tweeting about critical race theory and I was like, "my guy, you do not know what critical race theory is. So why don't we just stop?" But essentially, Biden issued an EO an executive order revoking this critical race theory and this diversity, equity and inclusion is bad so we can't talk about it. I mean, he literally issued this EO in September that forbade federal agencies from engaging in certain kinds of speech, including workplace trainings that promote diversity, equity and inclusion. What? I mean, it's literally saying diversity is un-American you can't talk about it because it's unpatriotic. That's just-

Jessica Pieklo: Can't talk about it. That's gone. But yeah, bye-bye no more love it.

Imani Gandy: I'm all hot and sweaty.

Jessica Pieklo: Seriously? Okay. But then there was abortion.

Imani Gandy: He had a little hiccup on abortion. He did. A little hiccup.

Jessica Pieklo: So we're going to talk about it.

Imani Gandy: Yeah.

Jessica Pieklo: Okay. So, on day one of the Biden-Harris Administration, we got a press briefing.

Imani Gandy: What? What are those? What are those?

Jessica Pieklo: I feel like we need to walk through the timeline to reestablish normalcy.

Imani Gandy: Exactly.

Jessica Pieklo: We got a press briefing that was transparent and respectful.

Imani Gandy: Yeah. Yeah.

Jessica Pieklo: So, day one press briefing. And there was a question from EWTN, and maybe you don't know who this group is. This is the Eternal World Television Network and so they are the functional equivalent of Catholic media broadcasting from the basement. They have a ton of resources and power now. I grew up with my grandmother actually listening to EWTN programming and I mentioned this a little bit in some of our editorial calls. There was a nun there, sister Angelica and she would get on and she would just literally mic-up and talk about abortion and thus feminists and then she would talk about the gays and that was very bad and communists, which were really black people. They weren't actually communists. They were just black people.

Imani Gandy: Well, all black people are communists, I mean-

Jessica Pieklo: And this was in the 80s, right? So you can imagine where EWTN has taken this programming in the Trump Administration.

Imani Gandy: Not good places.

Jessica Pieklo: They were first of all credentialed to be at the White House under the Trump Administration so that's amazing. But then they effectively were just an arm of the Trump Administration. And so Jen Psaki, who is the Communications Director for President Biden called on them, one of the reporters, and they did what they do and they got very huffy and upset about whether or not Biden-Harris Administration was going to undo the Mexico City policy, which is the Global Gag Rule that ties up and blocks funding for international programs to perform, or even talk about abortion.

Imani Gandy: You can't even talk about it.

Jessica Pieklo: Can't even say the A word, okay? So there's a question about that. And then also what the administration plans to do about the Hyde Amendment, which is domestic funding restrictions here. And Jen Psaki looked at the reporter and said, "Joe Biden is a devote Catholic, and we will have nothing more to say on

that.” This statement upset some people, and we're going to talk about it and I get it. I totally get why it would upset people. I just want to add a little context, which is, A) talking to evangelical media -- or charismatic Catholic media, I don't want to mush those two together -- on a decision or on a question that from my read of it, Jen Psaki clocked right away as bad faith. And as I saw it, shut the question down, it was effectively for someone experienced in religious media, a we won't negotiate with terrorists message and shut it down.

So, we know that based on reporting and the Biden-Harris Administration's own releases, that they are planning on rescinding the Mexico City policy, the Global Gag Rule via executive order on January 28th, that information was already out there. I think that's why Jen Psaki took the position that she did and said, I'm just not talking about this right now. What you want is to get us all in a fight amongst ourselves about abortion when we should be talking about COVID and other things. So, that's my read of it. I don't see it as a backpedal on the actual policy, but, you know what? I think that there's fair criticism to be had about how the question was handled.

Imani Gandy: Yeah, for me, it struck me as a missed opportunity to sort of stick a knife in the heart of abortion stigma, right?

Jessica Pieklo: That seems really fair.

Imani Gandy: I mean, for her to say Biden is a devout Catholic, it sort of sets up a dichotomy between abortion and Catholics. And there are Catholics who get abortions. There are Catholics who use contraception. There are Catholics who are pro-choice. And so I think that that's a false dichotomy. And I would really like to have seen Jen Psaki say, you know what? The Biden Administration has plans when it comes to abortion rights and we're going to get to it and y'all are just going to have to wait. Say the word abortion. Don't try to say he's a devout Catholic and that's all we're going to say because that's not an answer to the question.

And I came out all hot. I was angry about it. And then I talked to you this morning and you were like, there, there.

Jessica Pieklo: I mean no, I think it's fine to be angry.

Imani Gandy: It was in a good way though. It was in a good way. I mean, you acknowledged the fact that there was stigma there, but you were like, maybe don't go completely ham just yet. And so I went back on Twitter and I was like, okay, I went a little bit ham, but let me backpedal a little bit, because I do think that the Biden Administration is going to do good things on abortion, but I still really would like for him to say the word for the administration to say the word, because the word abortion is not a dirty word.

Jessica Pieklo: Yeah. Even in follow-up today. So before we recorded this, Dr. Fauci was talking about a variety of public health things that the Bide-Harris Administration was going to do and mentioned the Mexico City policy. And even in there, didn't use the word abortion, right? He just said something vague about reproductive and global health for women and things like that. So, I think this is all really super, super fair and super important. What is unfortunate about a misstep like that on a reporter's question is that there's an entire conversation happening about the Biden-Harris Administration not being on this issue. And I don't think that that's totally right so I appreciate having this back and forth with you because in that it was like, well I brought my perspective coming in from sort of experience with religious media spaces and growing up in those, like how they talk and sort of what they do and then you very rightly were like, yeah, but this is still bullshit. And so progressives, this is how we have to do it for the next four years, right?

Imani Gandy: We have to talk to each other, we got to hammer this stuff out. And that's, I don't know, I think that that's what makes you and I great is that we can disagree.

Jessica Pieklo: We are great Imani.

Imani Gandy: We are great. And we can disagree, but the disagreement is never it's not really that substantive. It's just along the margins. It's about how we talk about things, how we shape the discussion. And I think it's critical to have these kinds of conversations. And in that vein, it's day one of the Biden Administration and I came out like, I mean, last night my final tweet was y'all take it easy I got a full day of yelling about Hyde Amendment tomorrow. And so I came out this morning, guns blazing about the Hyde Amendment.

And people were like, oh God, just give him a chance to take his coat off. It's the first day, blah, blah, blah. You got to stop complaining, yada yada. And you know what? I call bullshit on that because this man has been in the White House for eight years. He's been in government for 40 years. This is not a person who needs to get acclimated to the White House and considering all of the executive orders he did just dump out of a bin, he is already very engaged in the issues that progressives care about. So it is okay to hold his feet to the fire. It is okay to hold Kamala Harris's feet to the fire.

Jessica Pieklo: Yes.

Imani Gandy: Asking for accountability is simply asking for you to keep the promises that you made when you were campaigning. It also means don't get on Twitter and start crawling up the asses of activists and organizers who have been waiting for four years to be heard on some of these issues. It has been a difficult four years working in this space for people working in LGBTQ rights, immigrant rights. It has been a difficult four years. So we now finally have a chance to talk to an administration that will listen, that has already shown a willingness to listen. So if we don't take that opportunity, then we're not doing our jobs as citizens, as journalists, as activists, as organizers.

And if you're on the margins of that space, you're not doing anybody any favors by telling people like me and Jess or Renee Bracey Sherman who came out guns blazing about the Hyde Amendment. She's the head of We Testify and the Beyonce of abortion storytelling as New York Mag called her. It doesn't help to tell people like us to calm down. Because we're not going to calm down, but we are going to be sensible in our critique and I think that that's fair.

Jessica Pieklo: Yeah. And I do, so it's like trust, but verify, I think with the Biden Administration so far, they have put together a good team that suggests that these issues that we care about are front and center for them as well. And our job is to hold them accountable for that. So it's going to be a... And we're all shell shocked from the last four years of literally one relentless piece of bullshit after another so I think it's also good for us to be able to say, we can take a breath and collect ourselves. That is okay, it's going to be, I mean, we got a lot of work to do, but-

Imani Gandy: We got a lot of work to do, but there's hope.

Jessica Pieklo: It's the good kind of work.

Imani Gandy: It's the good kind of work, exactly. I'm happy to do this kind of work. Ah, if you're happy to do this kind of work, if you're happy to hear us talk about this kind of work. You should follow me on Twitter @angryblacklady. You should follow Jess on Twitter @hegemommy, H-E-G-E-M-O-M-M-Y. Jess is doing a little shoulder shimmy while I do that. And you should follow Rewire News Group @rewirenewsgroup on Twitter and on Instagram. And Jess, why don't you talk about the newsletter?

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Jessica Pieklo: There are actually abortion ships.

Imani Gandy: Perfect. So I guess that's going to be it for our first episode of the Biden-Harris Administration, I love saying that.

Jessica Pieklo: I'm not angry and what's-

Imani Gandy: I don't know what I am quite frankly.

Jessica Pieklo: What is this feeling?

Imani Gandy: Giddy, sweaty, hot, gassy, I'm not sure. Sneazy, dopey what's going on? But I know what we will do, what are we going to do, Jess?

Jessica Pieklo: We're going to see on the tubes, folks.

Imani Gandy: See you on the tubes, folks.

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