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Access, Inclusion, and the Aftermath of 2020

Michelle Bishop



2020 had it all...

Wildfires

Civil unrest

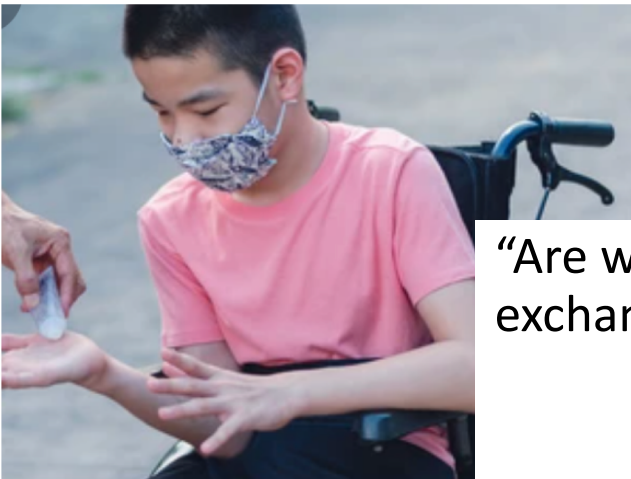
The worst pandemic in 100 years



....and a
Presidential
Election
that turned
out a
historic
number of
voters, six
feet apart.

The promise of the ADA was tested

COVID-19 pandemic reversed decades of employment gains for disabled, but advocates see glimmers of hope



“Are we comfortable sacrificing this group in exchange for saving more lives?”

-Stuart Sherman,

During tenure as Executive Director of the *New York State Task Force on Life and the Law*



Access to the ballot was challenged



Supreme Court Blocks Curbside Voting In Alabama, An Option During Pandemic

October 21, 2020 - 10:03 PM ET

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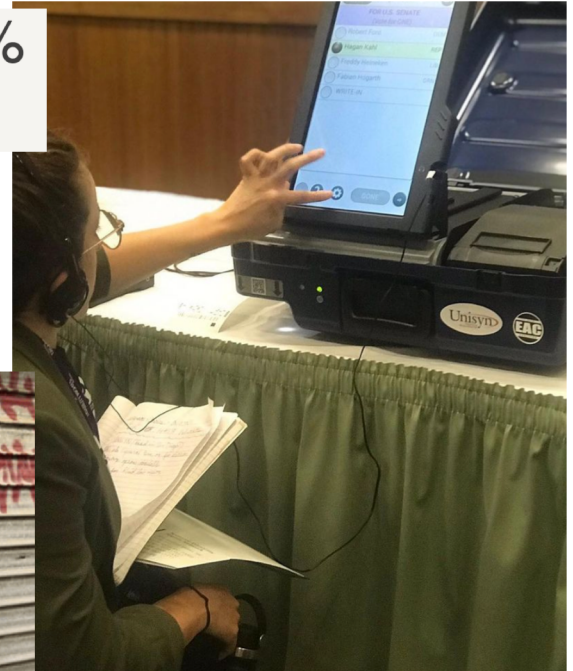
Absentee Ballot Applications Are Not Accessible
to Voters With Disabilities in 43 States



And yet, we persevered

Disability Vote Grows to 38.3 Million, a 19.8% Jump Since 2008

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Disabled people who had trouble voting falls dramatically: report



Where do we go from here?



