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"WHAT'S THE LEAD, AP?"

Donald Trump says the rioting that has taken place in the streets "is a threat to all peaceful citizens." Trump is delivering a law-and-order address as he appears at a rally in Chester Township, Pennsylvania, Thursday, Sept. 22. (AP Photo/Eric L. Fajen)

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[Trump walks line between law and order, empathy for blacks](#)

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump is seeking to show law-and-order toughness and empathy for African-Americans as he criticizes violent protests stemming from another fatal police shooting of a black man.

Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton, was behind closed doors as she prepared for their initial debate and did not appear on Thursday the escalating racial tensions in Charlotte, North Carolina.

[AP-GfK poll: 'Deplorables' comment sticks to him, not her](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was supposed to be her "47 percent" moment. When Hillary Clinton said that half of Donald Trump's supporters belonged in a "basket of deplorables," Republicans thought they just might have found her campaign blunder. But a new Associated Press-GfK poll finds that Clinton's stumble didn't have quite the impact that Trump supporters wanted. Instead, it's Trump who's viewed as most disconnected and disrespectful.

[The new Smithsonian museum, as seen by a black American](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — I was feeling pretty good until I saw the cowry shells. There they sat, arranged in neat little semi-circles on a dark pedestal lit by a spotlight. Disbelief made me lean in and read the display caption twice: "Cowrie shells, beads, and guns changed hands in exchange for African men, women and children." My people were taken for money? Wow.

ICYMI

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton meets with members of her staff onboard her campaign plane at Westchester County Airport in White Plains, N.Y., from Florida, Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016. Clinton and Republican Donald Trump are preparing for Monday evening's first general election campaign presidential debate. (AP Photo/Chris Wedel)

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