

THESE ARE THE **TOP 5** NEWS STORIES OF **THIS WEEK**

1 **ISIS names new leader and confirms Abu Baker al-Baghdadi's death**

In an audio recording uploaded on the Telegram app, ISIS broke its silence on October 31 to mourn and confirm [the deaths of ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi's and his heir apparent](#). The Islamic State also announced that Abu Ibrahim al-Hashemi al-Qurayshi would [succeed al-Baghdadi](#). Lastly, the audio recording [warned America](#): "Do not be happy."

2 **Beto O'Rourke drops out of the 2020 presidential race**

Former Representative [Beto O'Rourke](#) of Texas announced on November 1 that he was dropping out of the presidential race. O'Rourke said that his campaign lacked ["the means to move forward successfully."](#) His advisers concluded that proceeding in the race might have meant making deep financial cuts to his staff.



3 **Students walk out of Boston charter school over policies they see as racist**

More than 100 students walked out of Boston Collegiate Charter School in Dorchester on November 1 to protest dress code policies, teacher diversity disparities, and the school's culture they consider discriminatory and racist. The students that walked out made several demands to [improve the racial climate at the school](#).



4 **Former Babson College student who threatened athletes sentenced to prison time**

On November 1, Addison Choi, a former soccer player for Babson College who was accused of [sending racist death threats](#) to over 45 professional and collegiate athletes, was sentenced to 18 months in prison, one year of supervised release, and a fine of \$5,500.

5 **New England Patriots defeated by Baltimore Ravens, lose undefeated record**

On November 3, the New England Patriots lost to the Baltimore Ravens by a score of 37-20. The Patriots are no longer undefeated, but they are still currently leading the AFC East with a record of 8-1.



**And One
for Fun...**

Ridesharing company Lyft announced the [Jobs Access Program](#) that will give riders free or discounted rides to job interviews and during the first 3 weeks of employment. It looks to close the transportation gap in low-income communities, Lyft said in a [statement](#).