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News Review

US election day 2020

The Story

Donald Trump and Joe Biden will spend their final day of campaigning in the key American states that are expected to decide who will become the next US president in tomorrow's election.

The Democratic challenger Mr Biden is ahead in most polls but his lead has been narrowing.

Vocabulary

blitz

organised special effort to deal with a problem quickly

- The police had a blitz on cyclists ignoring traffic lights.
- This weekend we decided to blitz the kitchen – it looks spotless now.

shore up

help support something to make sure it doesn't fail

- She used hard evidence to shore up her argument.
- The government promised they would shore up unemployment benefit during the Covid-19 crisis.

final sprint

last big effort in a campaign

- The negotiations enter a final sprint before the deadline tonight.
- The marathon runner pushed himself for the final sprint.