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Cops Put Hood Over Woman's Head, Restrained Her, Choked Her Out to Draw Blood – Lawsuit

By [Cassandra Rules](#) on February 7, 2015



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Austin, TX– A lawsuit has been filed alleging that Austin police put a hood over a woman's head, restrained her arms and legs, put her in a choke hold until she went limp, and pinned her arm down with a boot, all to draw her blood over a DUI test.

Caroline Callaway is suing the city of Austin, Travis County, Austin police officers, county sheriff's officers, Pro-touch Nurses and one of its employees, alleging unlawful search and seizure, excessive force, assault and battery, negligence and medical malpractice, [Court House News](#) reports.

The scene painted by the lawsuit reads like the horror stories we hear from Guantanamo Bay, yet it took place here in Texas- over a would-be **misdemeanor**.

The woman, who suffers from an anxiety disorder that she uses prescription medications to manage, was arrested by Officer Patrick Oborski after refusing to submit to a breathalyzer test.

Callaway claims that upon arriving at the Travis County Jail she was taken into a small padded room and strapped into a chair with her legs, wrists, and shoulders restrained; all while surrounded by police officers. The situation caused the woman to tremble with fear, which she says prompted the officers to place a "protective hood" over her head. The bag covered her eyes, nose, and mouth and made it difficult for Callaway to breathe. ▶

Callaway was still shaking during the first attempt at drawing blood, which reportedly caused the needle to pop out of her arm and blood to squirt onto one of the officers.



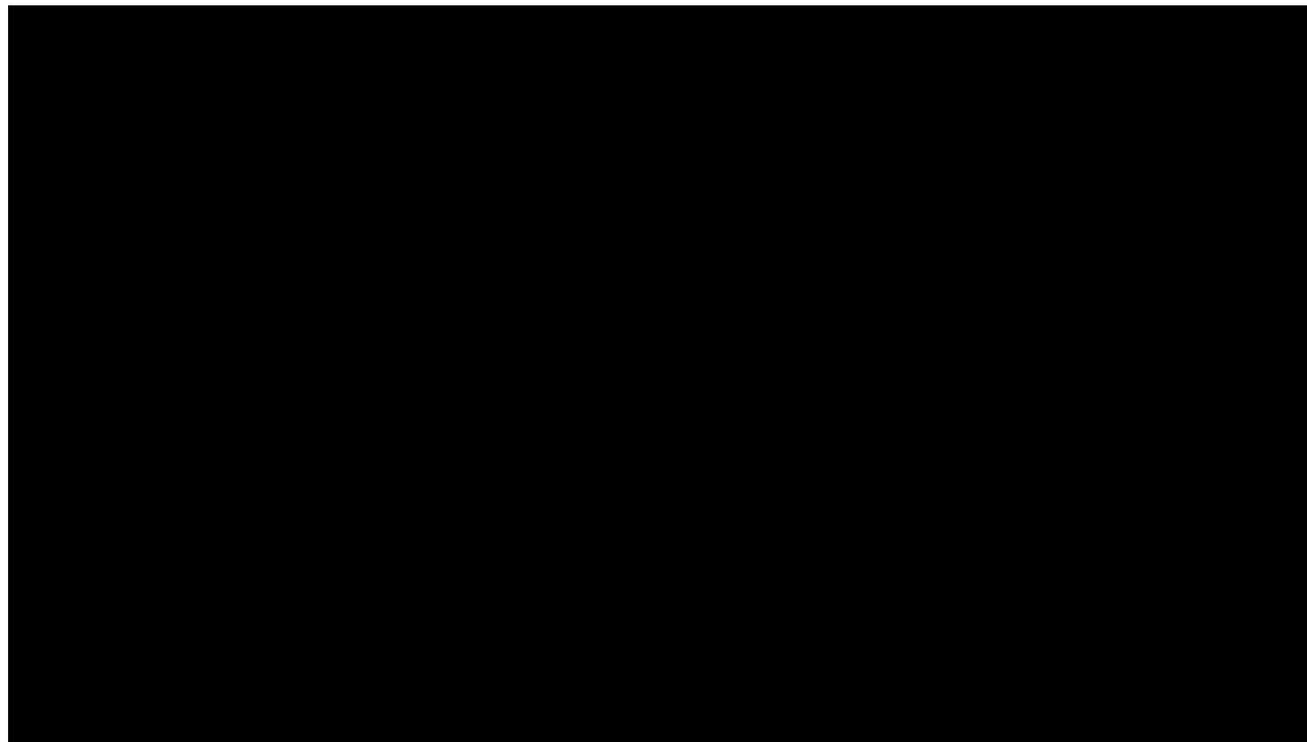
"(D)efendants continued the abuse determined to take Ms. Callaway's blood. In order to stop Ms. Callaway

from trembling, one of the officers used choke hold pressure points on her neck, until her body went limp. Defendant Ramsey-Graham stabbed Ms. Callaway again while Ms. Callaway was limp. When the officer released her neck, Ms. Callaway gasped for air. She could not see because there was a bag over her head, but she felt the weight of a boot in the crook of her arm, which, along with the rest of her body, was still tied to the chair. Ms. Callaway was suspected of committing a misdemeanor," the complaint reads.

The woman claims she only passively and verbally resisted, and that none of these measures were necessary. Callaway was ultimately charged with a misdemeanor DWI based on the blood sample.

Just last month we reported on [military police from the torturous Guantanamo Bay](#) being recruited as cops here in our local police departments. Something tells us they will fit right in.

If you don't think this could happen to you, watch the video below; those people thought the same thing.



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Mark Rampey · Greenville, North Carolina

This is what happens when you trade freedom for more security, you get neither. We are no safer now than we were before 911. Wake up and stop giving up your rights and freedoms.

Reply · 69 · February 7 at 11:50am



Ben de Guzman · ★ Top Commenter · Inspector at Altek Electronics

many people will happily give up their freedoms and then ridicule those who still cherish theirs... comply or die

Reply · 14 · February 7 at 7:48pm



Johann Ivan · ★ Top Commenter

Ben de Guzman Many people are happy to give up their rights - even enthusiastic - so long as "their team" is the one taking the rights away. IE, Democrat Brand or Republican Brand. And this is why the trend on our rights being eroded continues regardless of which Brand is in power. And the rubes clap their asses off & blame the other "team".

Reply · 18 · February 8 at 6:56am



Barry Sanders

Divide and conquer.

Reply · 3 · February 8 at 7:23am

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Timothy Horn · Commodore, Pennsylvania

human rights violations

Reply · 42 · February 7 at 8:48am



Michael ZenFerret · ★ Top Commenter · Sarasota, Florida

These things are so much easier to fight in court when you're not actually drunk.

Reply · 17 · February 7 at 3:06pm



Christopher Dicks · ★ Top Commenter

Michael ZenFerret Fuck you!! Do you have any fucking idea how the justice system works? It doesn't!!! Cops choked her out to draw her blood because the fucking courts let them do it. You should drive head-on into a fucking tree!!!

Reply · 66 · February 7 at 3:31pm



Doug Calhoun · Owner at Bubba's Scrap and Junk Removal

How about all cops have there blood drawn when they are under investigation!?! Cant have that. That's too much like right. Law says you are incident until proven guilty. They should have to prove it. Why did you pull me over? Can I walk strait or at all? Can I talk without slurring?

Reply · 11 · February 7 at 6:41pm

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Jeffrey Sparks · ★ Top Commenter · Manager Troll Hunting Specialist at Troll Hunter

The only quote that matters in the whole story, "What country is this?"
It seems the Land of the Free and Home of the Brave... is now Land of the Watched and Home of the Broken Spirit.

Reply · 19 · February 7 at 10:28am



Jason Henderson

The land of the free has more incarcerated citizens than any country in the world.

Reply · 22 · February 7 at 7:18pm



Rabid Llamas · ★ Top Commenter · Satan at Hell

sarcasm engaged
But it doesn't matter because she was drunk, right?

Reply · 7 · February 7 at 11:32pm



James Ford · ★ Top Commenter · Missouri Southern State College

DO YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE THE COPS WOULD SAY ANYTHING ELSE.

Reply · February 8 at 12:10am

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Paul Waldeck · ★ Top Commenter

You would think the 4 and 5 amendments would protect us from this.

Reply · 16 · February 7 at 8:28am



Nicholas Meinke · ★ Top Commenter · Monroe, Wisconsin

You'd need a government that cares about its own Constitution and the rights it grants us for that to happen.

Reply · 41 · February 7 at 8:54am



Phillip Jay Seaton · ★ Top Commenter

Supreme court has been hard at work trashing both the 4th and the 5th. The fools need to be removed and a new court installed that will follow the constitution not political or personal beliefs. Roadblocks and checkpoints are a direct violation of our rights period! There should be no discussion on this and any court that would approve of strapping people down and forcibly take blood from them.....well they should be fucking ashamed of themselves!

Reply · 23 · February 7 at 9:52am



Ken Ottinger · Aurora, Illinois

the only thing that protects individuals is their ability to protect themselves from the initiation of violence when a society internalizes obedience to authority it's acilitate give you some of those individuals it claims to protect B the Constitution one thing or another the fact remains that it has either enable to the government that we now have or has been powerless to stop it either way it is unfit to exist

Reply · 3 · February 7 at 10:16am

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David Bledsoe · ★ Top Commenter



The gestapo strikes again

Reply · 10 · February 7 at 10:16am



Clay Kilgore · Works at Ruling the world for many years now

Research indicates that breath tests vary at least 15% from actual blood alcohol concentration. At least 23% (that's about one out of every four) of all individuals tested will have a BAC reading higher than their actual BAC. Therefore, many people convicted of DUI/DWI simply on the basis of a breath test results alone will be innocent drivers who are falsely convicted.

I have been told by attorneys and judges that, in Texas, you should never consent to a breathalyzer test. If you blow a false positive you're done! Like the billboards say: "You just blew \$10,000".

Reply · 9 · February 7 at 10:49am



Ken Ottinger · Aurora, Illinois

those officers have absolutely no legitimate claim over anyone's life or property the arbitrary excuse of it being a law is completely irrelevant and does not justify initiating violence on anyone if you all remember the actions taken by the Nazi regime during World War 2 and the events leading up to it we're completely legal. that's right folks it was legal to murder millions of people when you use the state as a basis for moral actions you will find yourself at the end of a very short leash

Reply · 7 · February 7 at 10:25am



Perry Kynaston · Top Commenter · Upton County High School

That's a reasonable point, except that it is being accepted- have these police been suspended? sacked? charged? No, and they won't be. Not whilst you have a complicit media and corporations in whose interests it is to keep the population down. The police are now the tools of big business- welcome to the coming fascist state.

Reply · 5 · February 7 at 12:32pm



Ken Ottinger · Aurora, Illinois

. Is not the responsibility of the media to disseminate information it is the responsibility of the individual to seek it. Knowledge is not for all men but for those who seek it

Reply · 3 · February 7 at 1:16pm



Deanna St.Croix · Top Commenter

Ken Ottinger - Actually you are wrong. It is the responsibility of the media to research and disclose this information. Sadly our media doesn't do its job.

Reply · 2 · February 8 at 6:47am

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Carl Hutchison · DSI Lead at O.K. Foods, Inc.

this is crazy where is the right's of america going fuck the police.....

Reply · 6 · February 7 at 10:11am



Ken Ottinger · Aurora, Illinois

individuals only have those rights which they have the capability and capacity and willingness to defend

Reply · 6 · February 7 at 10:18am



Darryl Berry · Top Commenter

Ken Ottinger Are you interested in organizing so we can do this? [Darryl E Berry Jr](#)

Reply · 3 · February 7 at 10:42am



Margo Victoria · Top Commenter

Disgusting pig-shit.



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Ray Flower · ★ Top Commenter · Viera, Florida

Crimes against humanity. Horrible human beings. Cops and judges.... Horrible human beings.

[Reply](#) · [5](#) · February 7 at 12:11pm



Clayton Jones · ★ Top Commenter · Somerset Community College

The parents of the individuals who committed this heinous act must be so proud! If your a cop who takes part in such terrible acts against the citizens of this country I want you to think about something....what if that were your child? Being choked, stepped upon, bound and gagged, can you imagine the fear? No? Keep doing shit like this and see what road it leads down for people on both sides of the aisle, it will not be pretty and you can guarantee that people close to you will eventually find themselves tangled up in it because of your actions....

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Victor Lorraine · Works at Piledrivers local 454 philly pa

Why cant refusal of a breath test be considered admission of guilt like in other states

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Ken Ottinger · Aurora, Illinois

why would a refusal be an admission of guilt

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Phillip Jay Seaton · ★ Top Commenter

that is like saying invoking your right to remain silent is an admission of guilt and not to mention breathalizers are far from perfect or reliable. They need calibration all the time which frequently isn't done and then excused by judges. Invoking one's rights is not an admission of guilt and should never be considered as such

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Steven Zimmerman · ★ Top Commenter

A refusal is not a admit ion of guild, it just suspends your lic. End of story.

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Jeff Ex · ★ Top Commenter

Welcome to Texas. Inbred asshole Capitol of the world.... And we wonder how this shithole produces the politicians it has? Let the entire state secede and fester alone....I'm so sick of the crap they spew into this country!

[Reply](#) · [3](#) · February 8 at 1:13am



Jeff Ex · ★ Top Commenter

No matter WHAT state you live in, you say only this;

"I don't answer questions and I want my lawyer now".

Repeat early and often, as loudly as you can.

[Reply](#) · [3](#) · February 8 at 1:19am



Leland Whitehouse · ★ Top Commenter · El Comino College

Austin Tx. cops that took part in this are PIGS and should be charged with crimes themselves. Austin, Tx. P.D. needs to be inditted for crimes by the Texas Supreme Court.

[Reply](#) · [3](#) · February 7 at 11:17am





James Vardeman Bennett · Top Commenter · Northeastern State University

The supreme court should be impeached. This is nothing more than fascist imposing their will. Free my ass.

Reply · 3 · February 7 at 10:03am



Ken Ottinger · Aurora, Illinois

please tell me what you think impeaching the Supreme Court would do for individual liberties and freedoms there will still be people who claim ownership over your life and the fruits of your labor

Reply · 2 · February 7 at 10:17am



Dan Pullum · OWCC

In what twisted world is this OK!what more do you need to see to finally wake up and take this country back!

Reply · 3 · February 7 at 12:01pm



Brian Killian · ★ Top Commenter · Chattanooga, Tennessee

The answer to that one my friend you will not like as it is very simple. In this country no one worries about the rights of an individual unless it effects them at that moment and until then all you get is people who shot at the top of their keyboard " what is going on this person has rights! " that unfortunately is the majority of the people who will in all honesty not care until it is they who ate being violated in a manner similar to this. Until this country wakes up and realizes what is being done to them all i can say is welcome to America where you are free to do as you are told.

Reply · 1 · February 8 at 6:07pm



Kel Gard · ★ Top Commenter

you have the right to refuse a breath test at which time they are allowed only to arrest you on suspicion only..... no forced blood draw... illegally obtained evidence will be thrown out... wanna bet ???

Reply · 2 · February 7 at 8:14pm



Stephanie Hartley · CPCC Central Campus

Exactly! You can refuse a breath test. You will get charged like you said and go to jail but you can bond out and fight it in court. The blood test is an option. You have to sign for a medical procedure. You have to give permission for some one to draw your blood. Why in the world would these police do this? Its atrocious and sickening. They abused, attacked, and assaulted her.....physically, mentally, and emotionally. Driving under the influence is an awful and dangerous thing and if you are guilty then you should most definitely be charged and and sentenced accordingly. I think though that once the officer, if he is a normal human being, has arrested the person and brought them to jail he has done the most important part of his job which is that he has removed a potentially dangerous driver from the roads and prevented them from hurting themselves or others. So why treat this person like a mad murderer fresh off a killing spree? It does not make sense. Innocent until proven guilty. The dash cam should record the manner of driving that caused the officer to pull the person over. It should also show the condition of the "suspect" once they got out of car. Did they pass field sobriety test? Here is another person traumatized by the very people who are supposed to make us feel safe and protected!!!

Reply · 3 · February 8 at 1:52am



Randall Goguen · ★ Top Commenter · NBCC Moncton

I would fight them to the death if they tried taking my blood.

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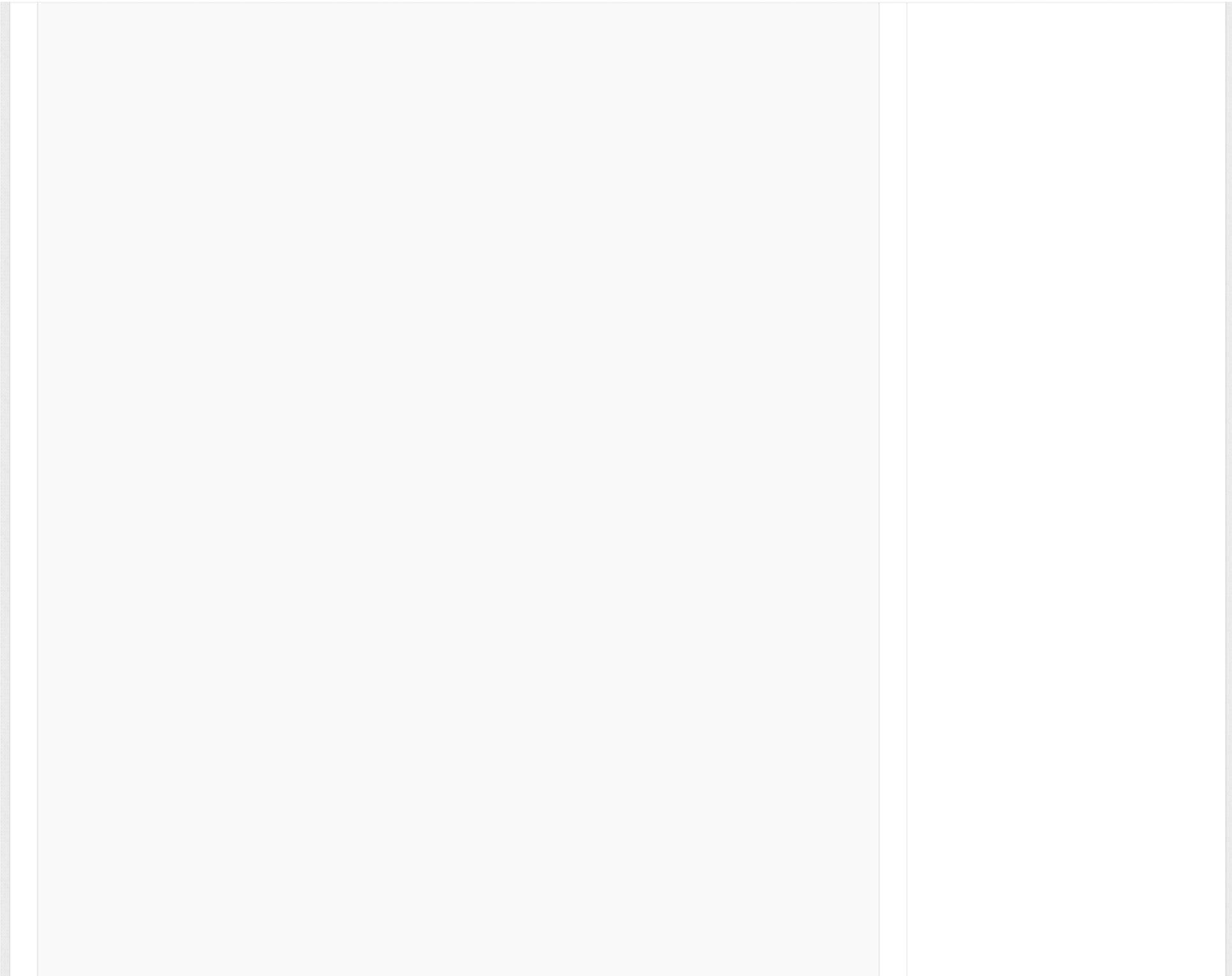
Michael Hyer · Works at Cole Papers

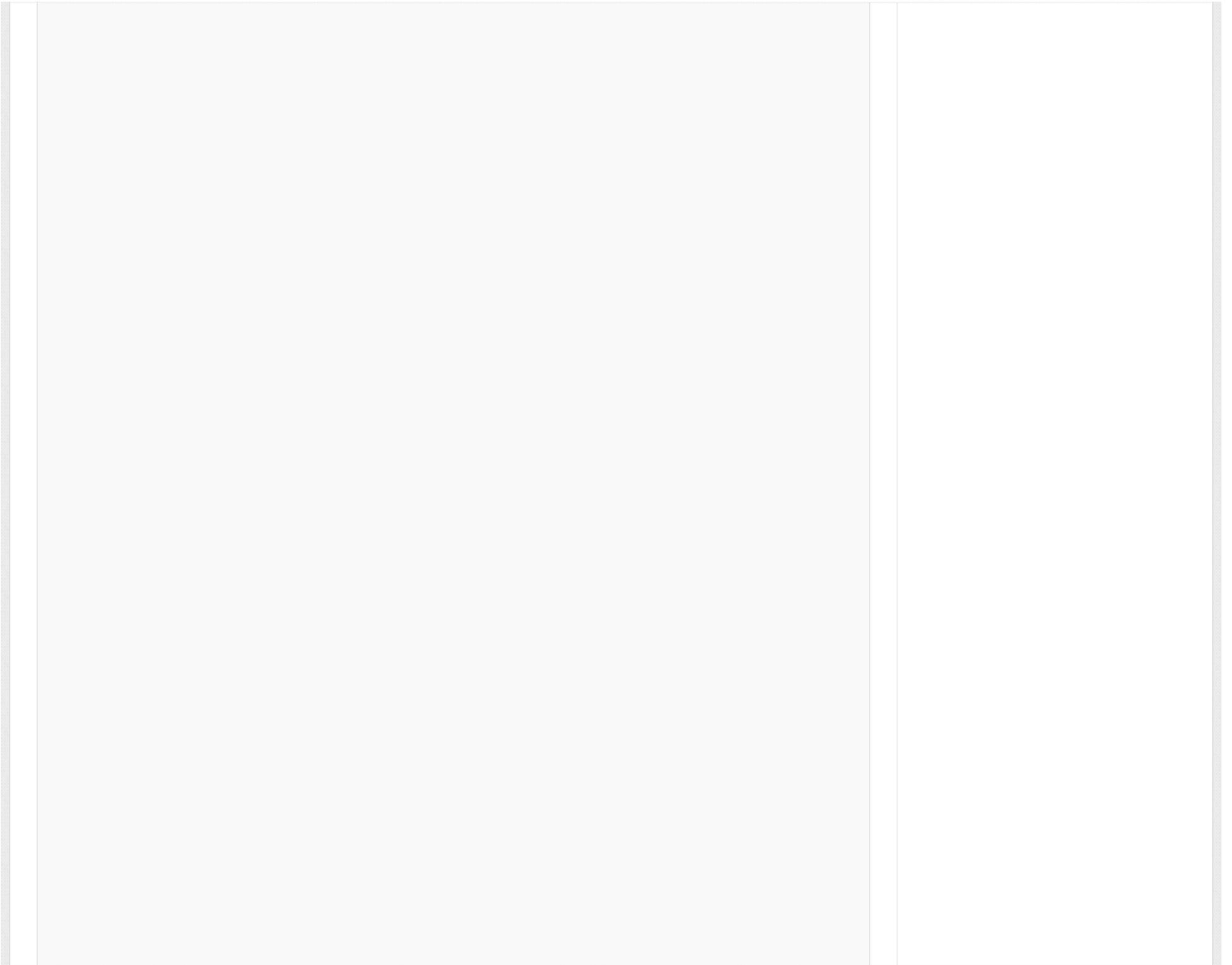
Last time I looked, a DUI was not a misdemeanor. The story also does not tell you that to get a blood draw it must be authorized by a judge. Otherwise is she was suspected of driving drunk and refused a breathalyzer she would be found guilty of DUI. So the simple fact that she is resisting during a blood draw tells you something is up and that she needs to be restrained. These facts are true, however, the article is incomplete about the events that lead up to the blood draw, nor does the article tell you why the blood draw was authorized. This smells of incomplete reporting that wants to put a bad twist on police.

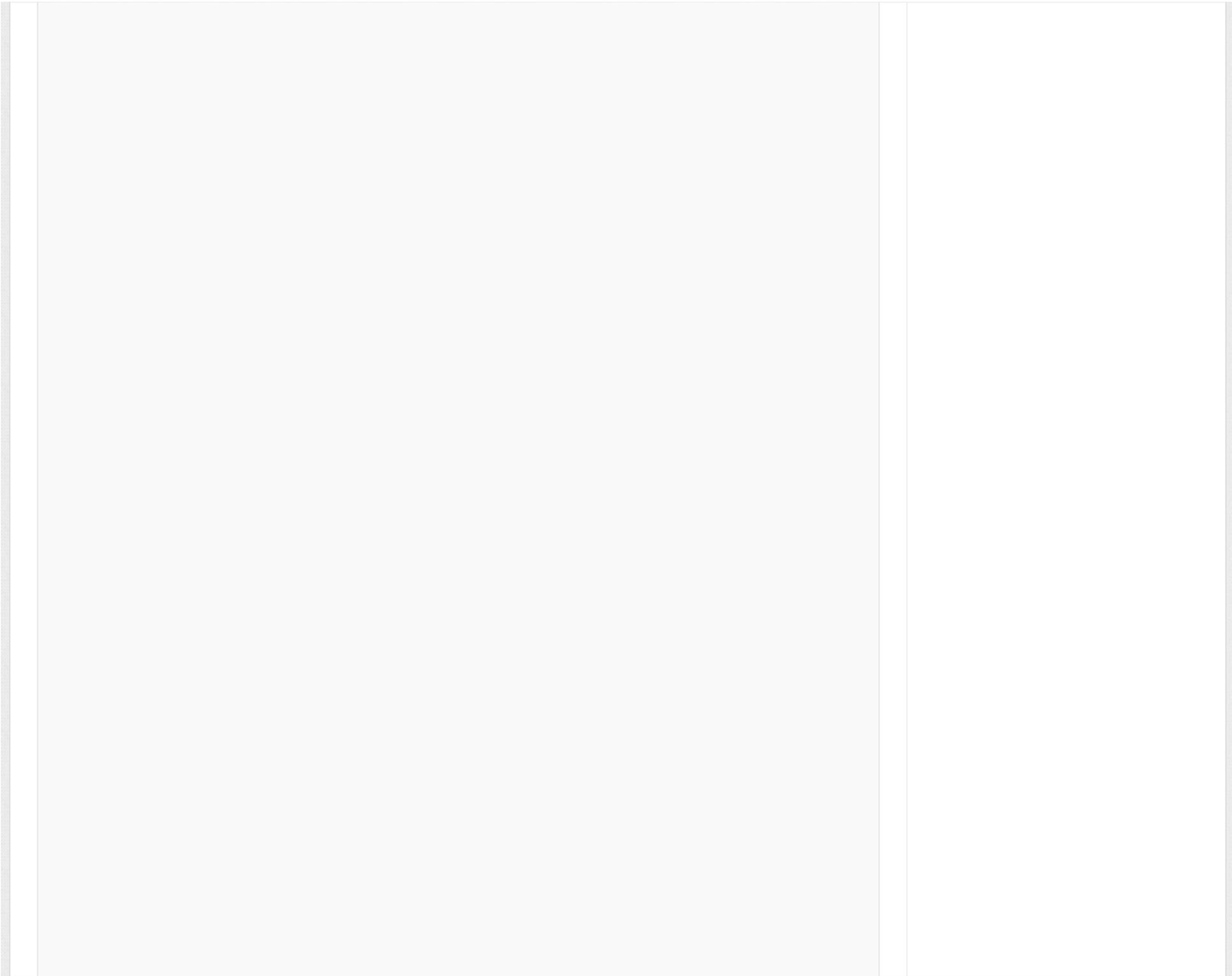
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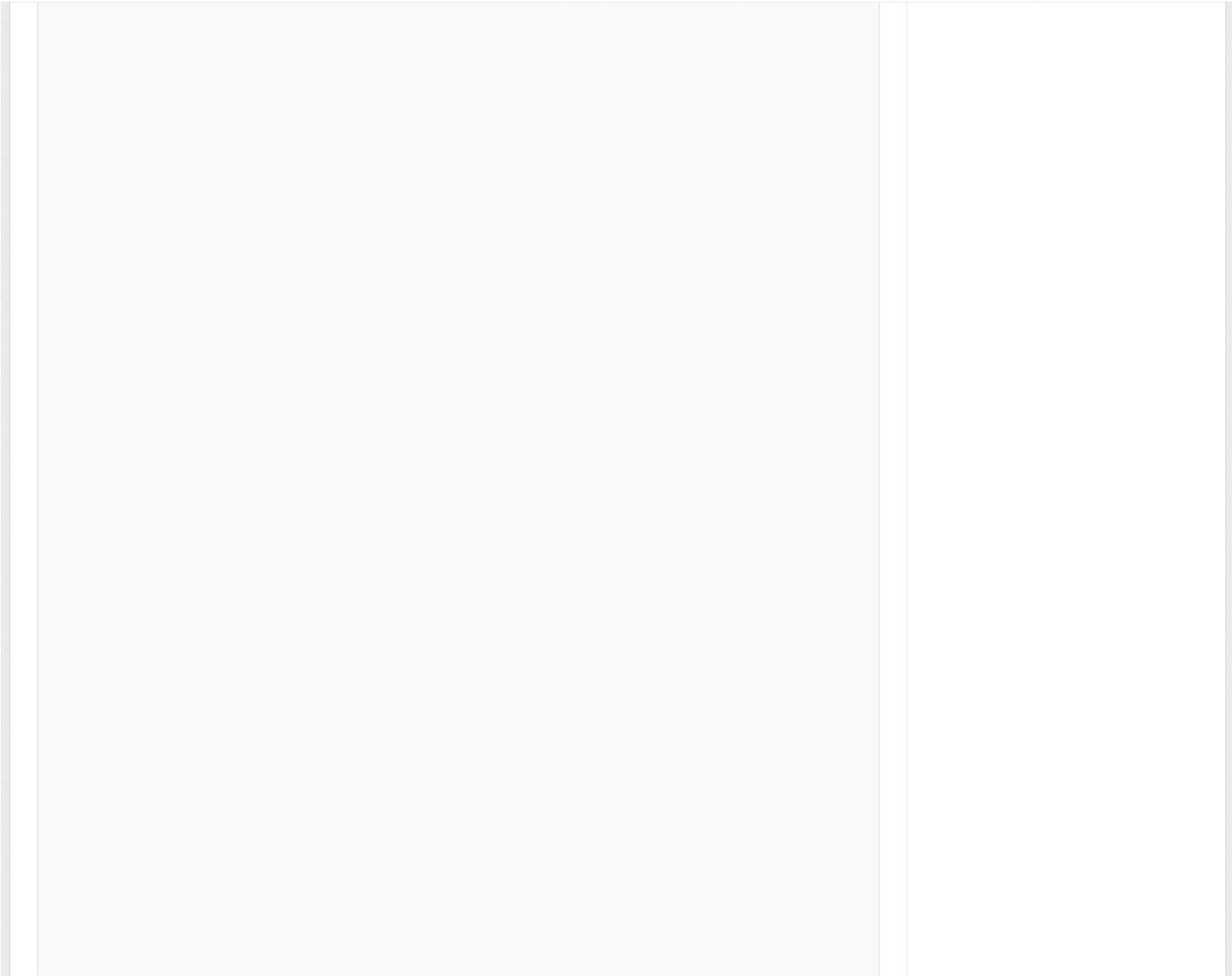
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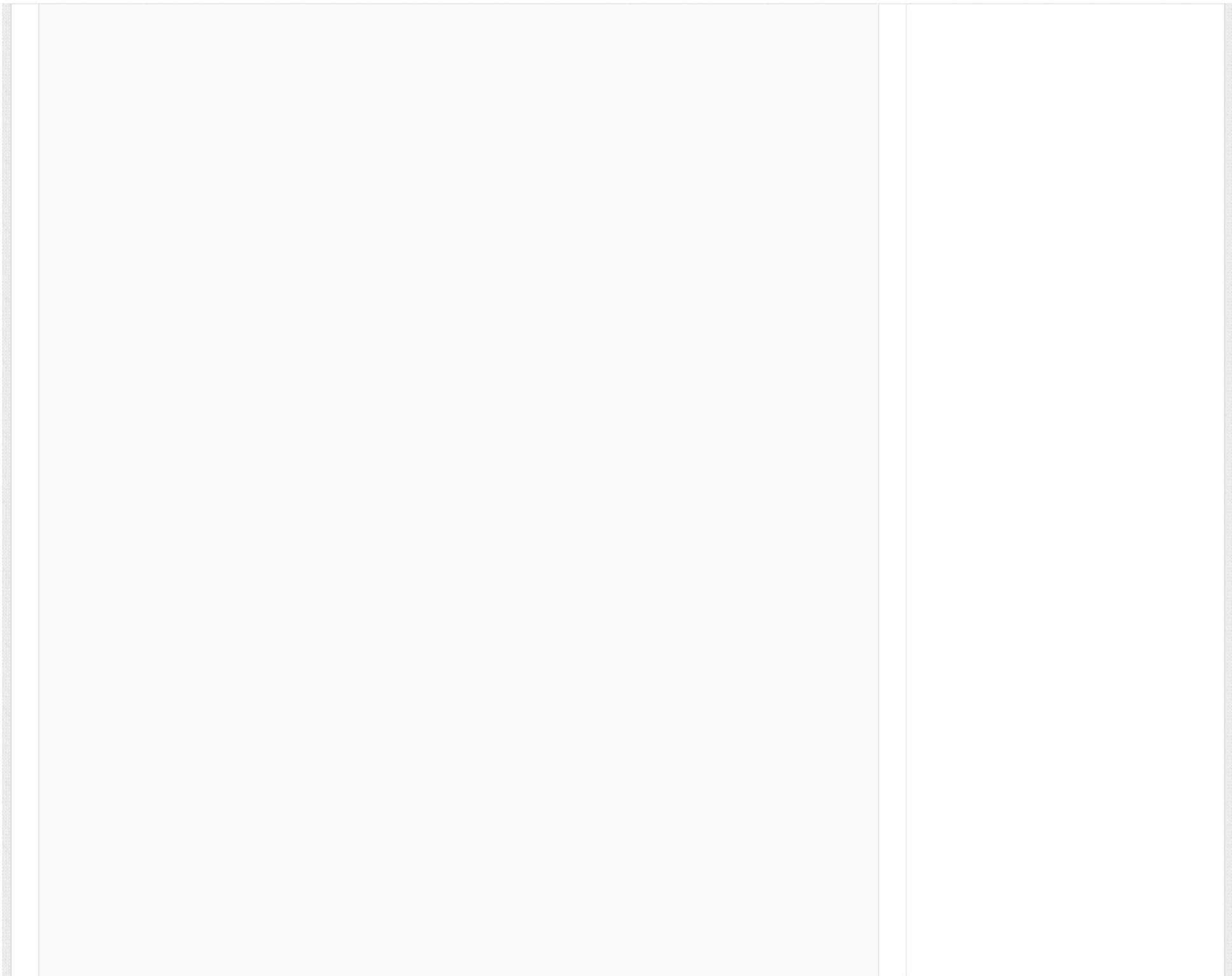
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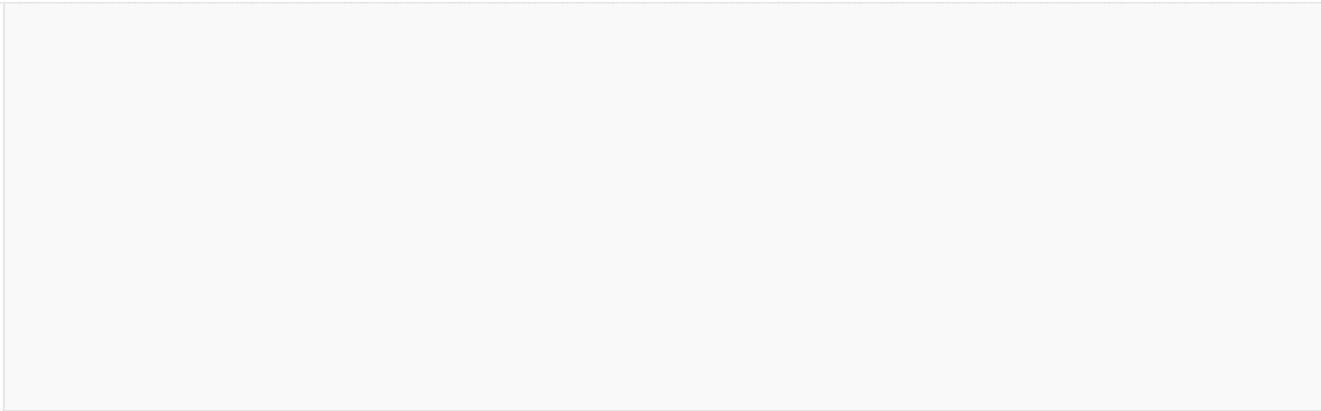












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