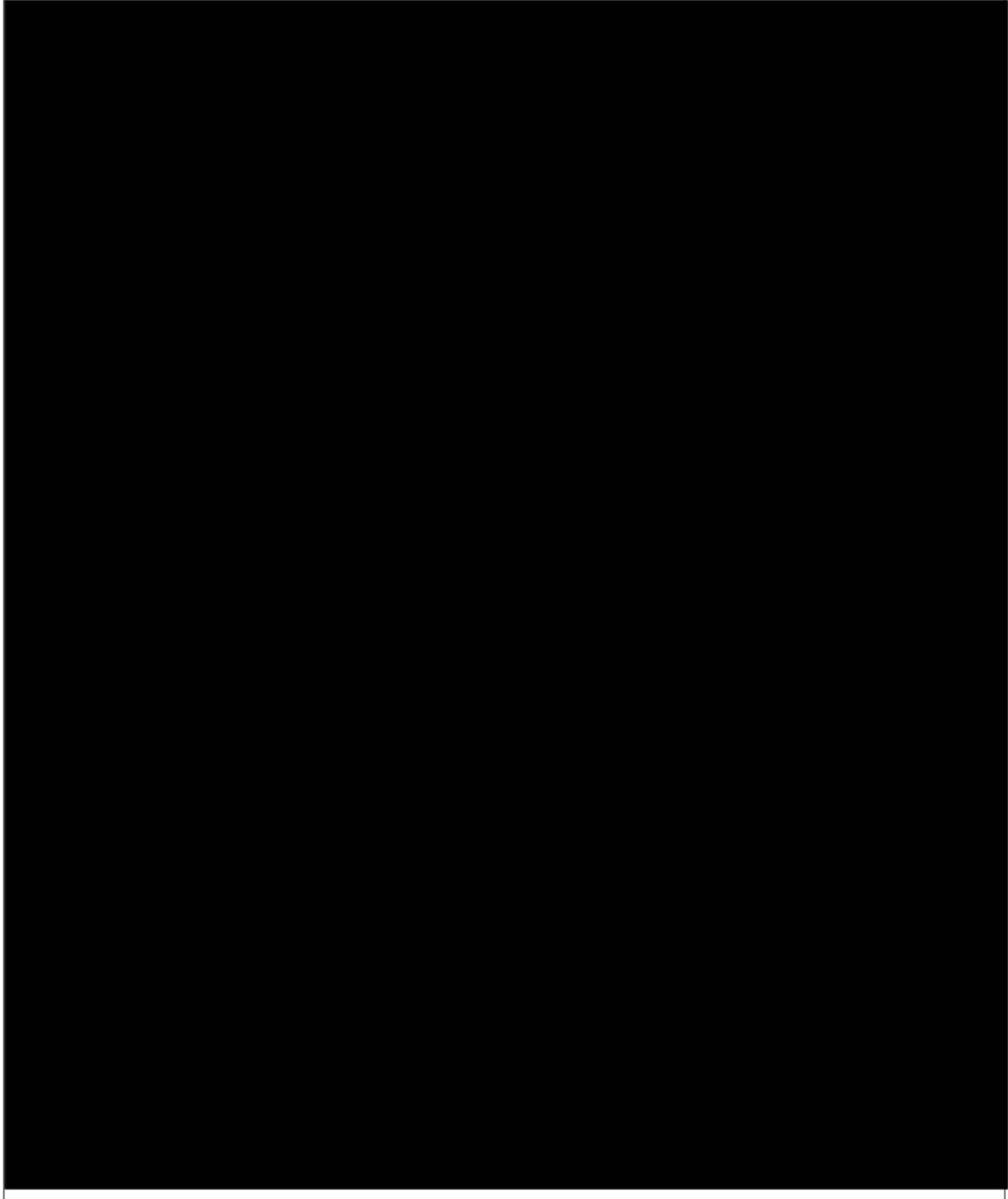


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**US Subpoenas Jeffrey Epstein's Pilots In Sex-Trafficking Probe.** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (7/26, Hong, O'Brien, Subscription Publication, 7.57M) reports that federal prosecutors in Manhattan have subpoenaed Jeffrey Epstein's longtime personal pilots as investigators seek to question his employees in his probe on sex-trafficking charges.

**NYTimes A1 Chronicles Epstein's Influence Over Wexner.** In a nearly 2,800-word front-page article, the [New York Times](#) (7/25, A1, Steel, Eder, Maheshwari, Goldstein, 18.61M) recounts how Jeffrey Epstein "developed an unusually strong hold on" Leslie Wexner, "one of the country's most influential corporate titans." The Times says that "within years of meeting Mr. Epstein, Mr. Wexner handed him sweeping powers over his finances, philanthropy and private life, according to interviews with people who knew the men as well as court documents and financial records."

**Daily Beast: Two Jeffreys Saw Different Treatment For Sex Crimes Based On Wealth.** A [Daily Beast](#) (7/28, Daly, 1.39M) report looks at "a tale of two Jeffreys," Jeffrey Cole and Jeffrey Epstein, saying that their stories embody "the difference great wealth can make when it comes to sex crimes – until it doesn't." The report says that, while reviewing Epstein's 2007 case, "the FBI noted a court document reporting an incident that when agents served Epstein's personal assistant Lesley Groff with a grand jury subpoena, she excused herself, purportedly to check on her child. She is said by the court document to have used the moment to telephone Epstein." Apprehending Epstein in 2019, the report says, "the FBI took great care that Epstein received no warning. He flew unsuspecting on July 6 from Paris to Teterboro and a waiting pair of handcuffs."

**Florida State Sen. Received Warnings Over Epstein Inquiry Request.** The [Tampa Bay \(FL\) Times](#) (7/26, Brown, Nehamas, Koh, 742K) reports, "Florida Sen. Lauren Book has reached out to Capitol police after receiving an anonymous

warning connected to her demand for a state inquiry into Palm Beach Sheriff Ric Bradshaw's handling of accused sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein's lenient work release program."

