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in more than a year, progressive Democrats have waged a war against New Jersey's "county
liability" ballot initiative, which they say gives too much power to party bosses and prevents a
wider diversity of people from being nominated by their parties to run for office.

Under the primary ballot design used by all New Jersey counties except Atlantic County, the
parties' county chairs recruit county committee members to endorse the ballot's first row
under the official party slogan, which was "the party line." Just being in that category
gives insiders a huge advantage, progressives say.

Groups such as Cape May Invisible have held protests against it as evidence that
people oppose it but have gotten little traction.

The proposal affects all of New Jersey's 21 counties. Alliances are suing to get it,
and the latest court decision is a setback for the initiative.

It was first filed in Atlantic County in July by Christie Conforti, of Ocean Grove
County, who was a 2020 Democratic primary candidate in New Jersey's 4th
Congressional District. She was the county's first party line candidate.

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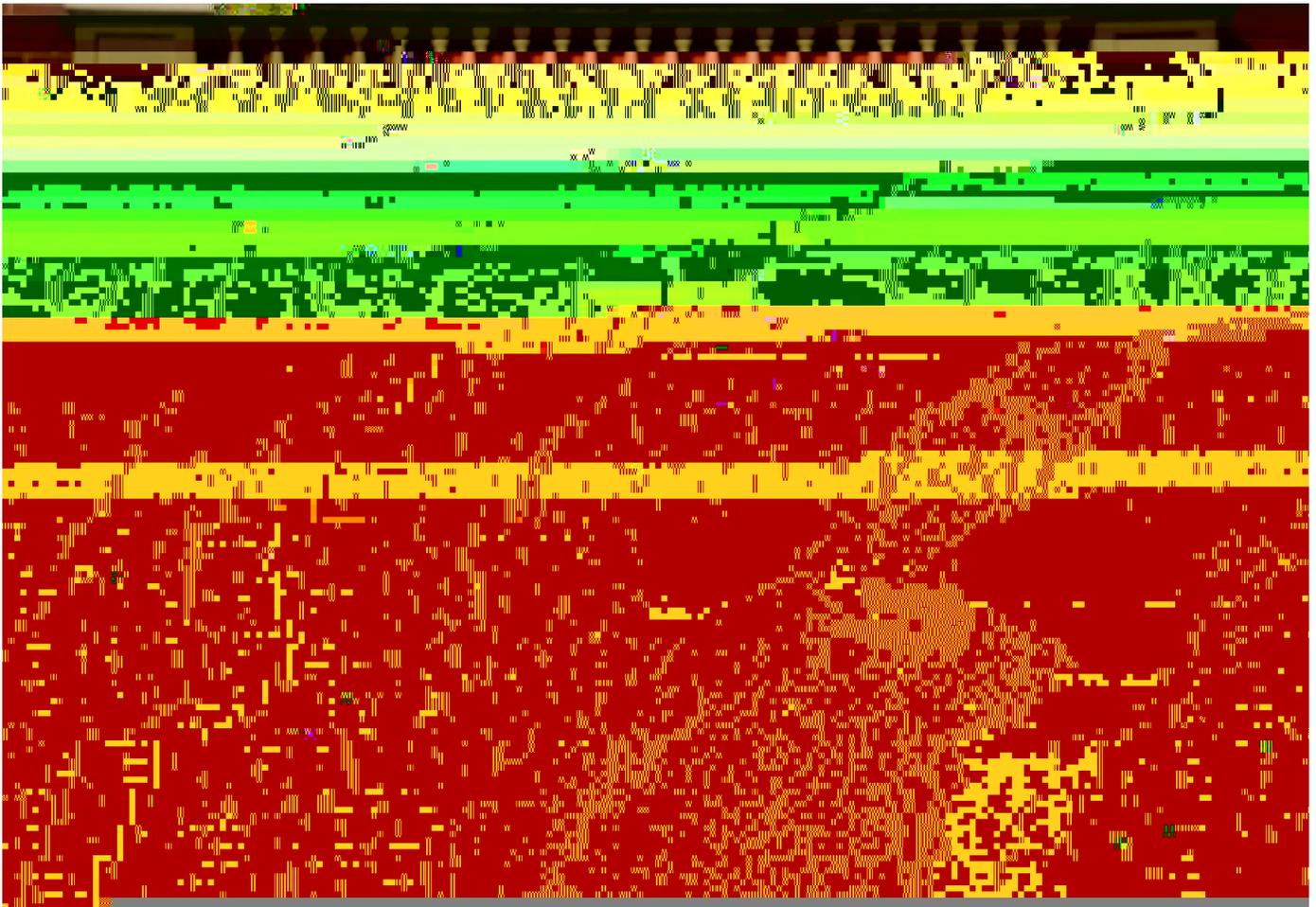
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