

Episode 57BD December 18 2024. Trump's boring National Security Threat of Government Shutdown.

In Episode 57BD 1A United States. Movie Review of A Complete Unknown. 1B United States. Updates on a possible Government Shutdown. 1C United States. What Do Democrats Need to Do? Act Like an Opposition Party. 1D United States. The threat to Liz Cheney from Trump Part 1 of 2. 1E United States. The threat to Liz Cheney from Trump Part 2 of 2. 1F United States. (The Supreme Court) Will Be a More Robust Check on Trump Than the G.O.P. Congress. Three Legal Experts on Trump 2.0 The New York Times. 1G United States. Letters. Aghast at a Move to Revoke the Polio Vaccine. The New York Times. 1H United States. **RAWSEP View.** Trump tariffs are predicted to increase the cost of Olive Oil in the United States. Just say no! Olive Oil Recipe suggestions as a holiday gift for readers that contains the heart healthy ingredient Olive Oil. 1i United States. The Economy Is Finally Stable. Is That About to Change? President-elect Donald J. Trump's proposals on tariffs immigration taxes and deregulation may have far-reaching and contradictory effects adding uncertainty to forecasts. 4 Europe. Europe Has a Leadership Vacuum. How Will it Handle Trump? With Germany and France both in political turmoil the new administration of Donald J. Trump will begin at a time of instability for the continent. **RAWSEP View.** The beauty of the internet is that ideas helpful to other countries can be aired on the internet and those ideas have a chance of being heard and implemented in the fight against right wing totalitarian ideas antithetical to human health and antithetical to planet health. Main Content. 1A United States. Movie Review of A Complete Unknown. **RAWSEP View.** environmentalist Bill McKibben's advice for saving the environment includes attending extremely boring local utility board meetings in your state. RAWSEP's editor enthusiastically agrees with McKibben's advice because she is a geek. Now a new boring activity is opening up for the environmental activist. Paying attention to Trump's attempts to shut down the government from 12/20/2024 to 1/20/2025 until the Debt Limit is raised. This is extremely boring viewing for the environmentalist who wants to save the world. **RAWSEP View.** Trump's ability to garner any votes at all in 2024 is a mystery to Democrats and really a mystery to anyone with any taste discernment or brains. That attitude has got the Democrats in trouble. How to explain the bamboozlement of Democrats? The simple explanation may be that when a Trump voter looks at Trump he or she sees himself or herself. From the Democrat view the voter who resembles Trump is overweight and whiny with cosmetic alterations that only emphasize the ugliness of the unhappy facial expression and pouting. From the point of view of Republicans these uglifications are all deliberate camouflage of the fact that the voter is a human being who is down on his luck because of his own laziness sitting around in front of the TV or internet screen and after all the boring wastes of time still sees himself as a potential millionaire because he was suckered by a millionaire on TV. It is understood by Republicans that a voter can vote against his or her economic interests if it has not been repeatedly pointed out to the voter that voting for Trump is against his or her economic interests. **RAWSEP View.** Compare what 78 year old Trump offers to the Republican voter in 2024 to what the now 83 year old Bob Dylan offered to the liberal Democrat voter when Dylan was 20 to 24 years old from 1961 to 1965 as depicted in A Complete Unknown a biopic arriving in theaters on December 25 2024. In a nutshell and I emphasize the nut portion Trump is offering Trump voters the riveting spectacle of congress trading the economic assets of lower to middle income voters to help billionaires pay less taxes. I think we all know that by now but just a little public service message before we go on to what Bob Dylan offered his contemporaries in the early 1960's. Politics is stultifying especially if positive change doesn't happen at the end of political upheaval. Politics 101 says that when minorities and women got access to the ballot box and went on to vote for their own interests

that had been overlooked in the past it was exciting and transformative. Politics 101 also says that when low or middle income people voted in their own best interests above that of millionaires it was exciting and transformative. There was also a period in the 1930s in America where the economic devastation of the Depression was so apparent to one United States President that Franklin Roosevelt made the giant strides of creating Social Security and many other relief programs and safety net regulations that got America out of the Depression and essentially created a government that worked for the ordinary people ahead of property owners for the first time. FDR's response wasn't perfect and there was continued suffering in the Depression which Woody Guthrie a folksinger captured in exquisite artistic form. Bob Dylan was inspired by Woody Guthrie in the early 1960's to capture the dreams and aspirations of ordinary Americans and without seeing the biopic RAWSEP's editor imagines that actor Timothee Chalamet captures the spirit of artistic awakening that Bob Dylan went through from 1961 to 1965. And to bring it all back home Bob Dylan made politics interesting. This movie review courtesy of Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 non-profit organization. From the article. **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization.** Minnesota and New York City. The Atlantic. Culture. Bob Dylan's Carnival Act. His identity was a performance. His writing was sleight of hand. He bamboozled his own audience. Illustration with black image of Bob Dylan in sunglasses striding down the strings of a white sketch of a guitar on red background. December 17 2024. Everything as Charles Péguy said begins in mysticism and ends in politics. Except if you're Bob Dylan. If you're Bob Dylan you start political and go mystical. You start as an apprentice hobo scuffing out songs of change; you become under protest the ordained and prophetic mouthpiece for a sense of mass disturbance otherwise known as the '60s; and then after some violent gestures and severances you withdraw. You dematerialize; you drop it all and you drift into the recesses of the Self. Where you remain until they give you a Nobel Prize. Explore the January 2025 Issue of the Atlantic. James Mangold's A Complete Unknown like all the best movies about rock stars. Sid and Nancy Bohemian Rhapsody Control. is a fairy tale. It takes liberties: Dylanologists will scream. It dramatizes mythicizes elides elasticizes and tosses twinkling magic showbiz confetti over the period between Dylan's absolutely unheralded arrival in New York in 1961 and his honking abrasive ain't-gonna-work-on-Maggie's-farm-no-more headlining appearance four years later at the Newport Folk Festival where his new electric sound drove the old folkies berserk and the crowd (at least in Mangold's movie) bayed for his blood. 1B United States. Updates on a possible Government Shutdown. The New York Times. **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization.** December 20 2024. Thursday 12/19/2024 vote: The hastily produced plan (to prevent government shutdown as the midnight deadline looms on 12/20/2024) **failed** by a vote of 235 to 174 with 38 Republicans and 197 Democrats voting no. Right-wing lawmakers balked at increasing the government's borrowing limit something many of them had long pledged not to do without spending cuts to keep the debt from ballooning further. House Democrats refused to back the deal because it would allow Mr. Trump and his allies to push through tax cuts for the wealthy. **RAWSEP News** about the failed House of Representatives vote on 12/19/2024 which brings us closer to a government shutdown. The 12/19/2024 vote failed because 38 Republicans voted against it. The names of the Republications in the House who voted against it are Republicans who objected to raising the debt ceiling an idea floated by Elon Musk and Trump. 1 Aaron Bean FL Fla. 4th 2 Andy Biggs AZ Ariz. 5th 3 Josh Brecheen OK Okla. 2nd 4 Tim Burchett TN Tenn. 2nd 5 Eric Burlison MO Mo. 7th

6 Kat Cammack FL Fla. 3rd 7 Michael Cloud TX Texas 27th 8 Andrew Clyde GA Ga. 9th 9 Eli Crane AZ Ariz. 2nd
10 John Curtis UT Utah 3rd 11 Jeff Duncan SC S.C. 3rd 12 Russ Fulcher ID Idaho 1st 13 Bob Good VA Va. 5th
14 Paul Gosar AZ Ariz. 9th 15 Andy Harris MD Md. 1st 16 Wesley Hunt TX Texas 38th 17 Doug Lamborn CO
Colo. 5th 18 Debbie Lesko AZ Ariz. 8th 19 Greg Lopez CO Colo. 4th 20 Morgan Luttrell TX Texas 8th 21 Nancy
Mace SC S.C. 1st 22 Thomas Massie KY Ky. 4th 23 Rich McCormick GA Ga. 6th 24 Cory Mills FL Fla. 7th 25
Alex X. Mooney WV W.Va. 2nd 26 Blake Moore UT Utah 1st 27 Nathaniel Moran TX Texas 1st 28 Ralph
Norman SC S.C. 5th 29 Andy Ogles TN Tenn. 5th 30 Scott Perry PA Pa. 10th 31 Bill Posey FL Fla. 8th 32 Matt
Rosendale MT Mont. 2nd 33 Chip Roy TX Texas 21st 34 David Schweikert AZ Ariz. 1st 35 Keith Self TX Texas
3rd 36 Victoria Spartz IN Ind. 5th 37 Tom Tiffany WI Wis. 7th 38 Beth Van Duyne TX Texas 24th end of list. 1C
United States. What Do Democrats Need to Do? Act Like an Opposition Party. **RAWSEP Key Excerpt.** If
Democrats want voters to blame Trump for any potential foreign policy failures they must work now to
highlight and emphasize the extent to which the president-elect wants a more or less inexperienced set
of hacks and dilettantes to lead the nation's national security establishment. Even something as obvious
as the connection between Trump's billionaire allies and his support for large upper-income tax cuts has
to be dramatized and made apparent to the voting electorate. Attention is the only currency that matters
and Democrats need some to spend. Abraham Lincoln was assisted in his first campaign for president by
a cadre of young costumed men who campaigned marched in the streets and showed militant
enthusiasm for the 1860 Republican Party. These Wide Awakes were as flamboyant and provocative as
any movement that has ever emerged in the history of American politics and they soon held the attention
of the entire nation friend and foe alike. The 1860 election was not a dry government process but a public
confrontation and the Wide Awakes had formed to help Republicans in 1860 fight back. So it was and so
it is. American politics has always been a game of performance and spectacle. **Excerpts edited by
RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates
a 501c3 nonprofit organization.** Dec. 18 2024. The New York Times. Democrats may be in the minority but
they are not yet an opposition. What's the difference? An opposition would use every opportunity it had to
demonstrate its resolute stance against the incoming administration. It would do everything in its power
to try to seize the public's attention and make hay of the president-elect's efforts to put lawlessness at
the center of American government. An opposition would highlight the extent to which Donald Trump has
no intention of fulfilling his pledge of lower prices and greater economic prosperity for ordinary people
and is openly scheming with the billionaire oligarchs who paid for and ran his campaign to gut the social
safety net and bring something like the Herbert Hooverism of the 1930's back from the ash-heap of
history. An opposition would treat the proposed nomination of figures like Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Kash Patel
and Pete Hegseth as an early chance to define a second Trump administration as dangerous to the lives
and livelihoods of ordinary Americans. An opposition would see that politics is about conflict. Too many
elected Democrats seem ready to concede that Trump is some kind of an avatar for the national spirit a
living embodiment of the American people. At the heart of all of this is the idea that Democrats can float
above the fray and reap the political rewards of any chaos and dysfunction. It's as if Democrats see
politics as a stable landscape a static field with clear rules. They can respond to voters but they cannot
shape the basic orientation of the electorate. By this view most Americans are fixed in place. If voters
don't seem to care about corruption impropriety and incompetence then there's nothing Democrats can
do to make them care. But this is not true. Trump rehabilitated himself through relentless self-promotion.
He built a constituency for tariffs and mass deportation through endless repetition connected to some

basic concerns. The public will not make connections and draw conclusions unless you do it for them. Trump's hand is not as strong as it looks. He has a narrow and potentially unstable Republican majority in the House of Representatives and a small but far from filibuster-proof majority in the Senate. Trump will start his term a lame duck with less than 18 months to make progress before the start of the next election cycle. Trump's great ambition to lower taxes for the rich is poised to spark a reaction from a public that elevated him to deal with high prices and restore a kind of normalcy. But Democrats won't reap the full rewards of a Republican backlash if they do nothing to prime the country for their message. half the electorate did not vote for Trump. They deserve leadership too. It is not a distraction to vocally oppose Trump's would-be nominees or highlight his extreme intentions. Show the extent to which this president has no plan to pursue the public good. 1D United States. The threat to Liz Cheney from Trump Part 1 of 2. December 18 2024. Heather Cox Richardson. **RAWSEP View.** This Substack entry covers first threats from MAGA Republicans to prosecute former House Representative Liz Cheney for chairing the January 6th investigation of Trump. Secondly an averted government shutdown is revived through the efforts of Trump and Elon Musk. Thirdly the fact that the Farm Bill is still not passed is explained. Fourthly Trump requested that the debt ceiling be raised now under the Biden Administration. Senator Chris Murphy Democrat of Connecticut explained. Remember what this is all about: Trump wants Democrats to agree to raise the debt ceiling so he can pass his massive corporate and billionaire tax cut without a problem. **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization.** December 19 2024. Yesterday Representative Barry Loudermilk (R-GA) released an Interim Report on the Failures and Politicization of the January 6th Select Committee. As the title suggests the report seeks to rewrite what happened on January 6 2021 when rioters encouraged by former president Donald Trump attacked the U.S. Capitol. The report seeks to exonerate Trump and those who participated in the events of January 6 while demonizing those who are standing against him rewriting the reality of what happened on January 6 with a version that portrays Trump as a persecuted victim. Trump's team picked up the story and turned it even darker. At 2:11 this morning Trump's social media account posted: Liz Cheney could be in a lot of trouble based on the evidence obtained by the subcommittee which states that 'numerous federal laws were likely broken by Liz Cheney and these violations should be investigated by the FBI.' Thank you to Congressman Barry Loudermilk on a job well done. To this conservative writer David Frum responded: After his successful consolidation of power the Leader prepares show trials for those who resisted his failed first [violent attempt to overthrow the government]. Liz Cheney also responded. January 6th showed Donald Trump for who [he] really is a cruel and vindictive man who allowed violent attacks to continue against our Capitol and law enforcement officers while he watched television and refused for hours to instruct his supporters to stand down and leave. She pointed out that the January 6th committee's report was based on evidence that came primarily from Republican witnesses including many of the most senior officials from Trump's own White House campaign and Administration and that the Department of Justice reached the similar conclusions after its own investigation. Loudermilk's report intentionally disregards the truth and the Select Committee's tremendous weight of evidence and instead fabricates lies and defamatory allegations in an attempt to cover up what Donald Trump did Cheney wrote. Their allegations do not reflect a review of the actual evidence and are a malicious and cowardly assault on the truth. No reputable lawyer legislator or judge would take this seriously. CNN aired clips today of Republican lawmakers blaming Trump for the events of January 6. Last night Trump also filed a civil lawsuit against a

pollster her polling company the Des Moines Register and its parent company Gannett over the female pollster's November 2 poll showing Harris in the lead for the election. Calling it brazen election interference the suit alleges that the poll violated the Iowa Consumer Fraud Act. This absurd lawsuit is a direct assault on the First Amendment. Newspapers and polling firms are not engaged in 'deceptive practices' just because they publish stories and poll results President-elect Donald Trump doesn't like. Getting a poll wrong is not election interference or fraud. Conservative former representative Joe Walsh (R-IL) wrote: Trump is suing a pollster and calling for an investigation of [Liz Cheney]. Donald Trump is un-American. The resistance to him from Americans must be steadfast & fierce. This afternoon Trump's authoritarian aspirations smashed against reality. The determination of the MAGA extremists in the House to put poison pills in appropriations measures over the past year meant that the Republicans have been unable to pass the necessary appropriations bills for 2024 (not a typo) forcing the government to operate with continuing resolutions. On September 25 Congress passed a continuing resolution that would fund the government through December 20 this Friday. Without funding the government will begin to shut down before the holidays. At the same time a farm bill which Congress usually passes every five years and which outlines the country's agriculture and food policies including supplemental nutrition (formerly known as food stamps) expired in 2023 and has been continued through temporary extensions. Last night news broke that congressional leaders had struck a bipartisan deal to keep the government from shutting down. The proposed 1500-page measure extended the farm bill for a year and provided about \$100 billion in disaster relief as well as about \$10 billion in assistance for farmers. It also raised congressional salaries and kicked the government funding deadline through March 14. But MAGA Republicans immediately opposed the measure and are talking publicly about ditching Johnson and voting for someone else for House speaker. The debt ceiling is not currently an issue but Trump and Vance made it central to their statement perhaps hoping people would confuse the appropriations bill with the debt ceiling. Increasing the debt ceiling is not great but we'd rather do it on Biden's watch. If Democrats won't cooperate on the debt ceiling now—again it is the Republicans who threaten to force the country into default what makes anyone think they would do it in June during our administration. Let's have this debate now. Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) explained: Remember what this is all about: Trump wants Democrats to agree to raise the debt ceiling so he can pass his massive corporate and billionaire tax cut without a problem. Shorter version: tax cut for billionaires or the government shuts down for Christmas. Ron Filipkowski of MeidasNews captured the day's jockeying among Trump's budding authoritarians and warring Republican factions over whether elected officials should fund the United States government. He posted: The owner of a car company is controlling the House of Representatives from a social media app. 1E United States. United States. The threat to Liz Cheney from Trump Part 2 of 2. **RAWSEP View.** Trump playbook of prosecution against Liz Cheney. From the article. The Wrath of Trump: House Republicans Map a Case Against Liz Cheney. President-elect Donald J. Trump has never been shy about his desire to see his enemies punished. But he often shows a measure of caution about taking credit for potential prosecutions himself. Photo of Representative Liz Cheney of Wyoming during the December 2022 hearing of the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 2021 attack on the Capitol. **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization.** Dec. 18 2024. For years President-elect Donald J. Trump has made it known that people he believes to be his enemies should be prosecuted. This week his allies in Congress laid out a template for how to go after one of them in particular: Liz Cheney the former

Wyoming representative who has been a focus of Mr. Trump's anger. In a report released on Tuesday House Republicans said Ms. Cheney should face an F.B.I. investigation for work she did for the congressional committee that examined Mr. Trump's attempts to cling to power after he lost the 2020 election. In recent weeks Mr. Trump has singled out Ms. Cheney saying outright that she and other leaders of the Jan. 6 committee should go to jail. He has also suggested over the course of several months that General Mark A. Milley his onetime chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff should be tried for treason even executed. Mr. Trump has called for Jack Smith the special counsel who brought two criminal cases against him last year to be thrown out of the country. The House report on Ms. Cheney prepared by a Republican-led subcommittee on oversight was specifically focused on the former representative who broke with her G.O.P. colleagues over their ongoing support of Mr. Trump in 2021. But she has also infuriated Mr. Trump not only because she helped to lead the congressional investigation into him but because she crossed party lines in the election and campaigned against him in support of Ms. Harris. The report claimed that Ms. Cheney may have violated numerous federal laws by secretly communicating with Cassidy Hutchinson a star witness for the January 6 committee without the knowledge of Ms. Hutchinson's lawyer. When Ms. Hutchinson was first approached to provide testimony to the committee she was represented by a lawyer who had once worked in the Trump administration's White House Counsel's Office. After meeting with Ms. Cheney she hired a different lawyer and her subsequent public testimony was damaging to Mr. Trump. It included allegations that he had been warned his supporters were carrying weapons on January 6th but expressed no concern because they were not a threat to him. The report asked the F.B.I. to investigate whether Ms. Cheney's dealings with Ms. Hutchinson were carried out in violation of a federal obstruction statute that prohibits tampering with witnesses. The report also accused Ms. Hutchinson of lying under oath to the committee several times and suggested that investigators examine whether Ms. Cheney had played any role in procuring another person to commit perjury. a former Justice Department official who teaches at the University of Minnesota Law School said that the speech or debate clause of the Constitution would likely hinder any inquiry into Ms. Cheney. That provision which is intended to protect the separation of powers generally shields lawmakers from being questioned outside of Congress about official conduct. The speech or debate clause is very broad and would be a substantial if not insurmountable obstacle to any investigation into Liz Cheney for her actions as part of the committee. a former U.S. attorney and F.B.I. official also said that an investigation of Ms. Cheney could be difficult to push toward criminal charges. I believe that in order to go to jail there has to be compelling evidence that you committed a crime said the former U.S. attorney and F.B.I. official. That does not seem to be the case here. 1F United States. (The Supreme Court) Will Be a More Robust Check on Trump Than the G.O.P. Congress. Three Legal Experts on Trump 2.0 The New York Times. Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization. December 20 2024. In light of the Supreme Court's immunity decision from the Spring of 2024 will Trump possess or claim to possess more power than previous presidents? Jack you've written about the immunity decision's relative insignificance. Does that mean you think it doesn't change much? Jack Goldsmith: The immunity part of the opinion likely won't change executive branch practice too much but at the same time I said that I thought the big deal in the opinion is the way it describes presidential power generally. The court adopted a broad conception of the unitary executive that the Trump presidency will put to use far beyond the question of presidential immunity. David French: We can't underestimate the collapse of impeachment as a deterrent against

presidential misbehavior. The combination of the loss of impeachment as a meaningful check on presidential power and the Supreme Court's immunity decision now means that presidents enjoy remarkable freedom from both political and legal accountability. Shaw: So with the elimination of both impeachment (and perhaps congressional oversight generally) and post-presidency prosecutions as meaningful checks on presidential misconduct or overreach where do you both see the checks on the incoming Trump administration coming from? Goldsmith: One important check is that subordinate executive branch officials through whom the president must almost always act should remain subject to criminal law checks that has always been a powerful force in checking the president (and was in Trump 1.0). The main and very important check beyond that will come from courts although courts cannot consider every form of abuse. Before Trump 1.0 executive branch norms did a lot of work but they too are much diminished now. Shaw: Do you also disagree with Trump's advisers Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy who think that the Supreme Court will be a reliable ally in a second term? French: a broader view of the current court's jurisprudence shows that it's hardly a rubber stamp for Trump and MAGA legal arguments. For example in addition to the cases Jack mentioned it turned back several of Trump's efforts to steal the 2020 election rejected Republican arguments about the Voting Rights Act and rejected the core of the Trumpist independent state legislature doctrine. The Supreme Court will be a more of a check on Trump than the G.O.P. Congress. Goldsmith: I disagree with Musk and Ramaswamy who say that the Supreme Court's decision in *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo* (overturning Chevron deference for example that courts should allow wide deference to executive-agency decisions in applying the law) and *West Virginia v. Environmental Protection Agency* (invoking the major-questions doctrine which means that Congress must clearly authorize executive branch agencies to take on matters of political or economic significance) will always assist Musk and Ramaswamy efforts. French: When it overruled the Chevron doctrine in theory the Supreme Court gave the Trump administration less discretion to interpret existing federal laws and less freedom of action in the regulatory arena. One way of looking at recent Supreme Court administrative law jurisprudence is that it is pushing lawmaking responsibilities back to Congress and away from the executive branch. in a second Trump term Trump may find his regulatory power severely curtailed. Goldsmith: Even if the Musk-Ramaswamy initiative DOGE thinks a Biden regulation runs afoul of the major-questions doctrine the administration still has to comply with many procedural rules in changing the regulation. Shaw: what legal guardrails prevent the Justice Department and other federal agencies from targeting political adversaries of Trump as president? French: At the beginning of Biden's term I was hoping he'd reform the Insurrection Act (to limit the president's ability to deploy troops in American streets). the Insurrection Act was untouched. Another way of putting it is the Biden administration did not limit or reform the presidency itself. French: There are abundant legal guardrails that protect political opponents from actual incarceration but few guardrails protecting them from ruinous investigations. Goldsmith: An administration can do a lot of financial damage with groundless investigations and indictments of opponents even with judicial guardrails. Shaw: I do still think there are still some internal guardrails. there needs to be a reason for even an investigation. French: Most likely the Senate will confirm Trump's nominees and Trump won't have to resort to attempting recess appointments or to the Vacancies Reform Act. The instant the Hegseth nomination was in doubt the MAGA swarm activated and now his nomination looks much more secure. We've seen key senators express support for Kash Patel. Goldsmith: I do not think recess appointing will happen. And Trump has enormous discretion to fill any slots that fail in the Senate through the Vacancies Reform Act. Shaw:

Which obscure federal statute will Americans become familiar with first: the Impoundment Control Act the Federal Vacancies Reform Act or the Civil Service Reform Act? French: the Civil Service Reform Act. 1G United States. Letters. Aghast at a Move to Revoke the Polio Vaccine. The New York Times. **RAWSEP View.** The Trump stance in favor of revoking vaccine approvals lines up with the Trump stance against regulation of air pollution. Both policies value profits for industry above safety for the average American. **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization.** Dec. 18 2024. Aaron Siri a lawyer helping Robert F. Kennedy Jr. pick federal health officials for the incoming Trump administration testifying before the House Judiciary Committee during a livestream in June of the hearing on the Covid-19 response. To the Editor: Re Kennedy Aide Filed to Revoke Shot for Polio (front page Dec. 16): A lawyer who is not a doctor but is advising Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has asked the F.D.A. to withdraw approval of the current polio vaccine until the lawyer says placebo-controlled trials can be completed. The Salk polio vaccine however was definitely proven safe and effective in a randomized placebo-controlled trial. We know because as public school children in Queens and New Rochelle N.Y. we were subjects in that trial in the early 1950s. One of us (Dr. Nancy Angoff) was randomized to receive the real vaccine and one of us (Dr. Peter Aronson) was randomized to receive the placebo. At that time we recall friends walked with crutches because of previous polio infections and parents were terrified of polio outbreaks. What we do not recall is our parents along with those of thousands of other young schoolchildren approving our participation in the Salk vaccine trials. The vaccine or placebo was given in our elementary schools by nurses in white uniforms as we lined up for shots on three occasions. It is hard to imagine parents today approving such a thing. But they were fine with it then out of fear that we could get polio and the hope that this vaccine could end their worry. And it did. Those of us who had gotten the placebo had to come back for the series of three shots. After the vaccine was improved it would have been completely unethical to subject anyone let alone a vulnerable child to a placebo in a new trial when there was a proven safe and effective way to stop this debilitating and sometimes deadly virus. It would be completely unethical to withdraw approval of the current shot. Mr. Kennedy and his lawyers must know that there are real people real children who would pay the price for their poor uninformed judgment. We know. We were there before and after the shots. Letter writers from New Haven Conn. Letter writer is emerita professor of internal medicine at the Yale School of Medicine. Second letter writer is professor of internal medicine and cellular and molecular physiology at the school. To the Editor: **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization.** When I was 10 years old our teacher Ethel Salk entered our class one morning in a public school on Chicago's South Side and said she had an announcement. I am paraphrasing her words: I want to tell you children that my nephew has saved your lives. My nephew is Dr. Jonas Salk and he has developed a vaccine for polio. We all screamed or cried. We knew someone with polio and we were frightened of ending our lives in iron lungs that we'd seen in newspaper photos. Polio had spread throughout the state through the summer camps and in our neighborhoods. The thought that our government could be thinking about confirming a nonscientist who may believe in not requiring or removing many lifesaving vaccines is a travesty. Letter writer from Highland Park Ill.

To the Editor: Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization. In 1987 when my daughter was just a few months old I volunteered for her to participate in a vaccine trial for Hemophilus influenza type B (also known as H Flu or Hib). Back then I approached each holiday season with trepidation knowing that over the next few months at least one of my patients would present with meningitis epiglottitis pneumonia or sepsis from this bacteria. Most parents today don't even know that the DPT/HIB vaccine has all but eliminated that threat. I lost patients to this disease just as pediatricians before me lost patients to polio diphtheria tetanus measles encephalitis and infections from varicella. If we are going to eliminate vaccines we'd better start teaching pediatricians in training to beware of the onset of winter. Letter writer from Acton Mass. The letter writer is a retired pediatrician. To the Editor: Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization. The exquisite ballerina Tanaquil Le Clercq George Balanchine's last wife contracted polio in October 1956 weeks after her 27th birthday during a New York City Ballet European tour. Polio shots were not routinely recommended for adults over 25 in 1956 and there had been publicity about a bad batch (later traced to a laboratory in California) that had caused minor and major disabilities. One child in Idaho was paralyzed. Before the tour Ms. Le Clercq or Tanny as she was known consulted her husband (a choreographic genius but no expert on medical matters) and she ultimately decided against vaccination fearing sickness throughout the long trans-Atlantic flight. She never danced or walked again. Entrusting the health of America's future its children to someone without a medical degree or even a basic understanding of biology or epidemiology is a criminal act. Orel Protopopescu. Miller Place N.Y. The letter writer is the author of a biography of Tanaquil Le Clercq. 1H United States. RAWSEP View. Trump tariffs are predicted to increase the cost of Olive Oil in the United States. Just say no! Olive Oil Recipe suggestions as a holiday gift for readers that contains the heart healthy ingredient Olive Oil. Bon Appetit Magazine online article headline and list headlines from a 5 year old list. From the article headline. 25 Recipes That Make Olive Oil the Star It Deserves to Be. The good stuff is basically like liquid gold so go ahead and drizzle like crazy. By The Healthyish Team. Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization. January 28 2019. Olive oil is the original superfood and it tastes pretty super too. round out finished dishes with a drizzle of liquid sunshine. we opt for healthy ish recipes like these that really let the olive oil shine. 1/26 Chicken With Herbs and Cracked Olives. 4/26 Quite Possibly the Best Chickpeas. Adding lemon zest and olive oil to chickpeas leads to brightness and full-on flavor. 5/26. Flaky Cod with Celery Salad. The garlic-curry crisp in this recipe is your new secret weapon. 10/26 Radish Rainbow Salad. A colorful stunning (and dead simple) salad made with a farmers' market bounty of different radishes. 11/26 Just-Basic-Enough Vinaigrette. This is a great excuse to treat yourself to some seriously delicious vinegar. 12/26 Lemony Cabbage with Mint. When all the flavors meld the mint transforms this dish into an addictive slaw. 17/26 Frozen Greek Yogurt Blackout Pie. This no-bake pie is incredibly easy to make and will keep for over a week in the freezer. 20/26 Slow-Cooked Cherry Tomatoes With Coriander and Rosemary. Douse cherry tomatoes in lots of olive oil and slow-roast to golden deliciousness. 1i United States. The Economy Is Finally Stable. Is That About to Change? President-elect Donald J. Trump's proposals on tariffs immigration taxes and deregulation may have far-reaching and contradictory effects adding uncertainty to forecasts. Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Dec. 18 2024.

After five years of uncertainty and turmoil the U.S. economy is ending 2024 in arguably its most stable condition since the start of the coronavirus pandemic. Inflation has cooled. Unemployment is low. The Federal Reserve is cutting interest rates. The recession that many forecasters once warned was inevitable hasn't materialized. Yet the economic outlook for 2025 is as murky as ever for one major reason: President-elect Donald J. Trump. Many Americans of course would dispute that the economy was in good shape. Frustration with high prices particularly for essentials like food and housing is a big part of the reason that many people voted to return Mr. Trump to office. But consumer sentiment had begun to rebound even before the election and has continued to improve suggesting that the public too believed the economy was beginning to normalize. This time Mr. Trump is inheriting an economy that is solid but slowing. Inflation has eased but remains above the Fed's target of 2 percent and memories of the rapid price increases of a few years ago are fresh in consumers' minds. Interest rates are still high by recent standards and the Fed has lowered them more slowly than forecasters expected a year ago. All of that means that both consumers and policymakers are likely to be less tolerant of higher prices than they were during Mr. Trump's first term. The unemployment rate at 4.2 percent in November is low but has edged up. It is taking longer for unemployed workers to find jobs. Households have little debt relative to their incomes suggesting consumers can keep spending. Productivity growth has been strong in recent years and the spread of artificial intelligence could keep that momentum going. 2 Utah. PurpleAir Newsletter. Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization. December 19 2024. Sandy City UT Partnership. the City of Sandy recently installed thirteen PurpleAir monitors throughout their community! they are proactively choosing to be more aware so they can make informed decisions about their air quality. they plan on installing even more sensors to create an active air monitoring network. They're also encouraging residents to consider purchasing their own sensors so they can contribute themselves! Learn more about their project and view readings from the installed sensors on their dedicated PurpleAir webpage. 3 World. Facebook illustrations used for this Episode. Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Slide 1. States where homeowner's insurance was unprofitable. The number of states where climate change disasters such as wildfires increase costs has made the number of United States where homeowner's insurance is high or nonexistent in 2024 increase. Slide 2. There is an internet Wood Burner Debate on the Chronic Illness Channel by Mums for Lungs (of the United Kingdom). Slide 3. For the same amount of heat wood burning emits more CO2 than fossil fuel burning. A Youtube video by Dr. Gary Fuller. Slide 4. The United States Department of Agriculture under the Biden Administration connects improved internet in 18 states. Wood smoke pollution a hidden harm. Slide 5. Open enrollment for healthcare coverage announced by Nancy Pelosi. Slide 6. Yet another house fire caused by a wood stove. Poor Fairbanks Alaska will never have clean air with this HPBA and EPA sponsored disinformation. The disinformation? Burnwise Alaska. By burning the right wood the right way in the right stove you can save money. RAWSEP View. Don't burn wood to begin with when there are clean alternatives in 2024 starting with Heat Pumps that work down to 40 degrees below zero and lower monthly electric bills immediately. Heat Pump rebates of up to \$8000 are offered in 2024 based on a sliding income scale in many United States. From the Netherlands a woman feels trapped in her own home by wood smoke from a near neighbors indoor residential wood burning invading her yard and infiltrating her home requiring her to stay inside her sealed home with multiple air purifiers running. Slide 7. For the first time in 2 decades

no women chair committees in the House of Representatives. Photo of former House of Representatives member Liz Cheney. Lighting a fire? 3 questions for the Dutch Lung Foundation about the dangers of the fireplace. Maybe stop burning stuff? Department of Fire and Emergency Service Western Australia. A large number of calls about smoke. Slide 8. Air. Asia's deadliest health crisis. Clean Air Night (in the United Kingdom). The enlightening. Shining a light on the truth about wood burning. Slide 9. Wood smoke stories. Doctors and Scientists Against Wood Smoke Pollution. The heavy smell of wood smoke pervades everything. Fire and Biodiversity Western Australia. The smoke started about 70 kilometers north of Walpole. The pink dot is the sun. Slide 10. PurpleAir monitor readings where Asia meets Western Australia. Slide 11. Delhi's lethal air quality endangers pregnant women. From the Netherlands. I myself now have an inhaler. Slide End of descriptions of Facebook illustrations. 4 Europe. Europe Has a Leadership Vacuum. How Will it Handle Trump? With Germany and France both in political turmoil the new administration of Donald J. Trump will begin at a time of instability for the continent. **RAWSEP View.** The beauty of the internet is that ideas helpful to other countries can be aired on the internet and those ideas have a chance of being heard and implemented in the fight against right wing totalitarian ideas antithetical to human health and antithetical to planet health. **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization.** Dec. 19 2024. When President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine met European leaders for dinner in Brussels on Wednesday the shadow of President-elect Donald J. Trump hung over the gathering. Germany is where the government of Chancellor Olaf Scholz just collapse. France's Macron and other leaders are preoccupied by economic troubles and the surge of far-right populist parties. This week Mr. Trump's aides were discussing creating a buffer zone between Ukrainian and Russian troops that would be patrolled by 40000 European soldiers. Such a proposal would cause an outcry in Berlin and London where the refusal to send troops has been an article of faith since the early days of the war. The 800-mile buffer zone between Ukraine and Russia is not going to happen said a director of a think tank based in Berlin. Europe couldn't do this without U.S. support. The challenge is for European leaders not to be provoked or divided by Mr. Trump but to make sure that Europe has a seat in any diplomatic negotiation involving the United States Ukraine and Russia. Germany is caught up in a heated debate over the economy with its export-led model at risk because of Mr. Trump's threatened tariffs. France has fallen into paralysis. François Bayrou is already sparring with Mr. Macron. in Britain where voters elected a Labour government with a majority in July the country has economic problems. Prime Minister Keir Starmer has expressed a desire to draw Britain closer to the rest of Europe. Trump had a dismissive contemptuous attitude toward the E.U which we remember from Trump One. While German candidates Mr. Merz and Mr. Scholz both pledge to maintain military support for Ukraine if elected they have promised an increasingly wary German public that they too will push to bring the conflict to a close. in 2016 when Angela Merkel then chancellor got off to a chilly start with Mr. Trump on trade and military spending. Mr. Merz's right-leaning Christian Democratic Union tried to reach out to people in Mr. Trump's orbit. The party even sent a representative to the Republican National Convention. Germany's role in the Western alliance on Ukraine is so central that American diplomats say any Trump plan for ending the war has to include it. But the German election expected on Feb. 23 2025 and coalition negotiations that will follow suggest Germany's direction may not be clear until April or May 2025.