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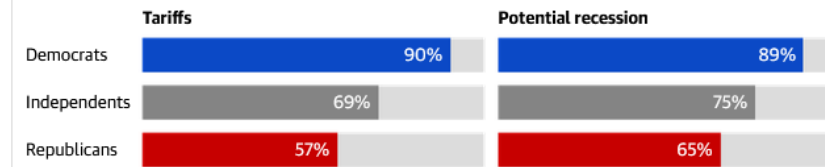
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Democrats are more worried about the economy than Republicans

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would cost consumers more In particular three states Louisiana Delaware and Neva have already had their statewide plans to spend billions of dollars in Bead funding approved but are now waiting for the federal government to release the funds Shovels could already be in the ground in those three states Feinman said were it not for the Trump delays But Feinman suggested it was not too late for US states to lobby the Trump administration to tweak the program like abandoning labor and wage related provisions but leave the most significant aspects of it unchanged He said in his letter that the Trump administration had not yet made decisions about whether states had to scrap plans they have for the buildout of fiber optic networks in their states and start fresh or whether they would be allowed to proceed Reach out to your congressional delegation and reach out to the Trump administration and tell them to strip out the needless requirements but not to strip away from states the flexibility to get the best connections for their people Feinman wrote United States

2 Guns and lies Trump White House removes advisory defining gun violence as a public health issue Webpage listing statistics and information on shootings taken down as Trump seeks to protect second amendment **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** March 17 2025 Trump has removed the former surgeon Vivek Murthy advisory on gun violence as a public health issue from the website of the US Department of Health and Human Services This move was made to comply with the Trump executive order to protect second amendment rights a White House official told the Guardian The firearm violence in America page where the advisory had been posted was filled with data and information about the ripple effects of shootings the prevalence of firearm suicides and the number of American children and adolescents who have been shot and killed Now when someone reaches the site they will be met with a page not found message black and white portrait of a man in a military uniform

3 United States and New York Trump Cuts Imperil Cancer Diabetes and Pediatric Research at Columbia University Dozens of medical and scientific studies are ending or at risk of ending leaving researchers scrambling to find alternative funding **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian March 18 2025 Cancer researchers examining the use of artificial intelligence to detect early signs of breast cancer Pediatricians tracking the long term health of children born to mothers infected with the coronavirus during pregnancy Scientists searching for links between diabetes and dementia All these projects at Columbia University were paid for with federal research grants that were abruptly terminated following the Trump decision to cut \$400 million in funding to Columbia over concerns regarding the treatment of Jewish students Dozens of medical and scientific studies are ending or at risk of ending leaving researchers scrambling to find alternative funding In some cases researchers have already started informing study subjects that research is suspended

4 United States Trump Says a Recession Might Be Worth the Cost Economists Disagree Trump and his advisers say his policies may cause short term pain but will produce big gains over time Many economists are skeptical of those arguments **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian March 18 2025 Presidents usually do all they can to avoid recessions so much so that they



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avoid even saying the word But President Trump and his advisers in recent weeks have offered a very different message Yes a recession is possible they have said Maybe one would not even be that bad Howard Lutnick the commerce secretary has said the Trump policies are worth it even if they cause a recession Scott Bessent the Treasury secretary has said the economy may need a detox period after becoming dependent on government spending And Trump has said there will be a period of transition as his policies take effect Such comments may partly reflect an effort to align political statements with economic reality

5 United States and Canada Doug Ford of Ontario caves to the United States on Tariffs on Electricity to the United States **RAWSEP View** This seems to be an example of a Canadian Leader previously a United States ally acting in a responsible way in response to irresponsible tariffs threatened by the United States on Canada its former ally The unnecessarily hostile Trump view seems to be that this is weak or an example of caving during a tariff war **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** MSN March 17 2025 Doug Ford talks to a media member during the Detroit auto show Ontario has agreed not to impose a surcharge on electricity exports to US states in response to Trump tariffs on Canadian imports The surcharge was expected to cost up to \$400000 per day and impact 1.5 million homes and businesses across the affected states Ontario Premier Doug Ford initially defended the measure claiming that the Trump tariffs have threatened the Canadian economy In response Trump agreed not to double the 25% tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminum. Trump emphasized the importance of reciprocal tariffs declaring April 2 a liberating day for the United States Trump has showed no intention of easing the tariffs

6 United States Americans increasingly worried about tariffs despite The Trump assurances New poll shows 90% of Democrats 57% of Republicans are worried about tariffs with similar concerns about recession **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian March 17 2025 Americans are increasingly concerned about the Trump effort to overhaul the US economy with sweeping tariffs on foreign goods despite the Trump efforts to downplay the risks of his strategy Have no fear we will WIN everything!!! Trump wrote on Truth Social on Thursday claiming that tariffs were already pouring money into the country But fears are growing When given a list of issues including inflation healthcare and immigration 72% of Americans said they are concerned about tariffs The survey was conducted by the Harris Poll in early March When it conducted the same survey in mid January 61% of those polled said tariffs were a concern A lot has changed since then Since returning to the White House Trump has pushed for tariffs against many of the key trading partners of the United States He tacked on an extra 20% tariff on Chinese imports and hiked tariffs on all steel and aluminum imports The president has also threatened to go further next month promising sweeping reciprocal tariffs on all imports from across the world and universal tariffs on all products imported from Canada and Mexico Amid widespread concerns Trump and his cabinet have spent the last few weeks arguing that this strategy will bring jobs back to the US and ultimately lead to higher wages The commerce secretary Howard Lutnick conceded last week that a recession was possible but suggested this would be worth it But so far most Americans seem



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skeptical of this vision 66% believe the US economy will take years to recover from the Trump tariffs according to the survey

7 United States Democrats Need to Face Why Trump Won [RAWSEP View](#) Misogyny among young men seems to be a major factor in Trump winning the election Social media seems to be influencing young people toward conservatism also [Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization](#) The New York Times March 18 2025 The Democratic Party weakened among groups whose support it once took for granted Young voters Non white voters Working class voters What does it mean that the Democratic Party is losing what was once its reliable base? A pollster did 26 million interviews last year and has a team of about 45 people There is a sense that nobody picks up the phone How are you surveying these older people if you are doing it online? The fundamental problem with survey research is just that people who answer surveys are really weird There is two ways that you can try to fix that One is that you could try to get a normal representative set of people That is just impossible in this day and age And the other is that you can just try to collect a lot of information so that you can adjust for how weird the respondents are I think there is enough data to tell a coherent story There is the 26 million survey with respondents of 8 million unique people There is precinct and County level election results Why look at survey data? I think that super politically engaged people are overrepresented at every single step of the political process Politically engaged people are more likely to run for office They are more likely to work in campaigns and journalism They are more likely to listen to podcasts like this one And I think that the only point other than election day when regular people get a say is in polls And so I think there is not really any Democratic alternative to trying to listen to the people and hear what they have to say So I take that point I always think it is good to remind me and everybody who listens to the show that they are weird And if their intuitions about politics were shared politics would not look the way it does If the voting population were show listeners and people then elections end up very differently The survey looks at support for the Democratic presidential candidate in 2016 and 2020 and 2024 by race and ideology In 2016 Democrats got 81 percent of Hispanic moderates and in 2024 Democrats got 58 percent of Hispanic moderates That is only about 7 percent more than the 52 percent that they got of white moderates The main story with respect to this is just a continuation of the trends that we saw four years ago White men who were 75 years old supported Kamala Harris at a significantly higher rate than white men who were 20 years old In the last four years young people have gone from being the most progressive generation since the baby boomers to becoming potentially the most conservative generation that we have experienced maybe in 50 to 60 years And so the next chart In the bottom we have age and at the top we have the gender gap in support between women and men and for support for Kamala Harris And so what you can see is that for voters over 30 the gender gap was fairly stable at around 10 percent which is roughly where it is been in American politics For voters over 75 it is an even lower gender gap for Kamala Harris What is crazy is if you look at people who are under the age of 30 the gender gap has exploded If you look at 18 year olds 18 year old men were 23 percentage points more likely to support Trump than 18 year old women This gender gap is happening in other countries as well Obviously different countries have different political systems but I have seen similar patterns in Canada in the UK in Norway The huge gender gap implies to me it is not just inflation Women pay high prices for eggs too And I will say if you look at the UK election



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inflation was more important to about 80 percent of voters against environment and climate change 84 percent of voters picked cost of living inflation Every day Trump does terrible things that I think are objectively awful and scary and it makes me angry Trump says I am going to prosecute my enemies or whatever And then we do a bunch of tests and voters really do not want to hear about it Voters want us to talk about concrete ways that a politician is going to improve lives of people There is an argument you hear from many Democrats There was no problem here except for inflation that in fact if you compare Democratic vote outcomes with incumbent parties in many other countries Democrats did better than incumbent parties in other countries did So you look at the incumbent conservatives in the UK they had a much worse election result You look at what happened to the ruling coalition in France In some ways Democrats were doing fine They had a fairly modest drop in support And it is just a shame for them that inflation happened on their watch If Trump had won the 2020 election post COVID inflation would have happened on his watch completely discrediting him And that would have been the end of him The two things that we should do is fight against social welfare cuts and also attack Elon Musk for the chaos he is creating And I think that is something that basically every wing of the Democratic party should be on board with

8 United States Trump could reshape judiciary with 300 judge appointments analysis shows Advocacy group Demand Justice warns of opportunities for Trump shift balance of courts in his favor **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian March 18 2025 Trump is poised to reshape the US judiciary over the next four years through hundreds of potential appointments of right wing judges a progressive advocacy group has warned The analysis by Demand Justice comes with the courts already facing extraordinary pressure Trump has suffered several legal setbacks and was accused of violating an order by a judge by deporting about 250 Venezuelan alleged gang members to El Salvador Trump a Republican appointed 226 judges to the federal courts during his first term as president The total was narrowly eclipsed by his successor the Democrat Joe Biden with 228 including record numbers of women and people of color

9 United States Why is Elon Musk still CEO of Tesla? The tech billionaire and his EV company take a beating **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** March 18 2025 Musk took a beating last week as did Tesla The past 10 days have marked several of the most significant setbacks for Musk in months Tesla arguably his marquee company continued to fall in value as investors worried about the threat of trade war and possible recession as well as declining profits Escalating protests against the company over the role of the billionaire in the government also grew in number and intensity across the US coupled with rising cases of vandalism and social stigma against his cars To shore up The Musk fortune Tesla held a sales event on the lawn of the White House Trump browsed several of the Tesla vehicles and eventually announced he would purchase one and label vandalism against Tesla showrooms as domestic terrorism A group of people hold signs with messages like Nola says no to Nazis and boycott Tesla banish Elon Musk ban the oligarchy from government However the display from Trump



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also gave the impression that Musk needed Trump to reverse his string of losses and quell the backlash against him

10 United States Tesla is a good target The Musk car business is focus of fury for political role Justice Department threatens to come after demonstrators against Musk the Trump allied billionaire Justice Department fails to deter protests **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian March 17 2025 Hundreds of people protested at Tesla dealerships across the US over the weekend as the backlash against Elon Musk and Trump continued despite a warning from the attorney general that the government would be coming after protesters The protests in cities including Los Angeles Philadelphia Boston and New York have come as Musk has seen his net worth plunge and the sales of Teslas plummet in Europe In Brooklyn New York about 50 people gathered outside a Tesla showroom on Saturday afternoon to loudly make their displeasure clear the fourth such protest in the last four weeks Other anti Tesla actions have seen bullets fired through a dealership window and Molotov cocktails thrown at a charging station But this was a rather more genteel protest as evidenced by the signs on show Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide read one channeling a poem by the American poet James Russell Lowell Elon Musk faces week of harsh setbacks amid Tesla selloff and Doge backlash One banner said Musk is too brusque another Very uncool As protesters chanted Hands off our data and Arrest Elon Musk there certainly seemed to be plenty of support from passersby People in cars and trucks repeatedly blasted their horns including at one point a man driving a Tesla This is probably the most consequential moment in US history since I do not know the civil war I do not know what to liken it to but we are on a precipice and so I cannot actually concentrate on anything right now except protesting said a 53 year old artist and editor who lives in Brooklyn I think there are people that have not woken up to this yet but I think that we are sliding into a full on authoritarian state I am terrified she said Musk has witnessed a mass sell off of Teslas in recent weeks in protest against his unprecedented intrusion into the US government through the so called department of government efficiency Sales of new vehicles have declined around the world with February sales in Australia down about 72% compared with the same month in 2024 In Germany sales were down 76% for the same period while the Tesla stock price has lost almost half its value since December As protests have grown the White House has rallied round Musk Last week Trump claimed the boycott was illegal while Pam Bondi the attorney general said on Friday she would launch an investigation into vandalism against Tesla vehicles and showrooms

11 California Why is Gavin Newsom handing Steve Bannon a megaphone? It is becoming clear the California governor is seeking to reposition himself for a possible 2028 presidential run This is not the way to do it **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian March 17 2025 The Gavin Newsom choice of guests a parade of right wingers on his new podcast might seem baffling After all the California governor is seen as a mostly progressive Democrat from a very blue state whose reputation is that of a coastal elite That is the kind of person the American right and plenty of centrists love to hate as we learned once again when Kamala Harris lost the presidential race to Trump This rebrand may help the Newsom efforts to present himself as a healer or a centrist as he prepares to run for



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president in 2028 But anybody who is paying close attention should know that what he is doing is deeply cynical and ultimately counterproductive

12 Wisconsin This Wisconsin Supreme Court Election pitting liberal Susan Crawford against right wing Brad Schimel backed by Musk money Will Be a Crucial Test of The Musk Power **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** March 18 2025 Musk has set his sights and spent tens of millions of dollars on being involved in national and international elections and politics Now his focus has turned to a US state election the race to fill a crucial seat that will determine control of the Wisconsin Supreme Court That election is scheduled for April 1 early voting begins on Tuesday and Musk is supporting the conservative candidate Brad Schimel over the liberal candidate Susan Crawford A victory for Judge Schimel would flip the court from liberal to conservative control with potentially enormous implications for access to voting legislative districts abortion and more The prospect of a billionaire with outsize influence over the federal government also seeking to dictate the direction of state level democracy should be profoundly alarming to anyone committed to federalism a core constitutional value Federalism is especially important right now With unified Republican control in Washington DC and a Congress that has been a willing participant in its own defenestration states and state institutions are poised to become ever more critical sites for the preservation of rights and the rule of law The Musk interjection started in January with an X post urging his followers to vote Republican for the Wisconsin Supreme Court The contest is nonpartisan but it was clear what he meant Vote for Judge Schimel He has since unleashed his spending juggernaut on the race According to recent filings his America PAC has spent over \$63 million on it and the Musk affiliated Building the Future of America has spent another \$43 million Yet another Musk affiliated PAC Progress 2028 is airing deceptive ads that purport to support Judge Crawford but in fact appear designed to help Judge Schimel

13 South America Amazon Cop30 in talks to hire the public relations PR firm that worked for a lobby seeking weaker Amazon environmental protections It is revealed that Edelman worked for Brazilian trade group accused of pushing for environmental rollbacks in the South American Amazon **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** March 17 2025 Edelman the largest public relations agency in the world is in talks to work with the Cop30 team organizing the UN climate summit in the Amazon later this year despite its prior connections to a major trade group accused of lobbying to roll back measures to protect the area from deforestation The summit is set to take place in November in the city of Belém on the edge of the Amazon rainforest which has been ravaged by deforestation linked to the powerful agriculture industry of Brazil For the first time the talks will be at the epicenter of the climate crisis the summit its president wrote last week As the Cop comes to the Amazon the Amazon rain forests will naturally be a central topic he added

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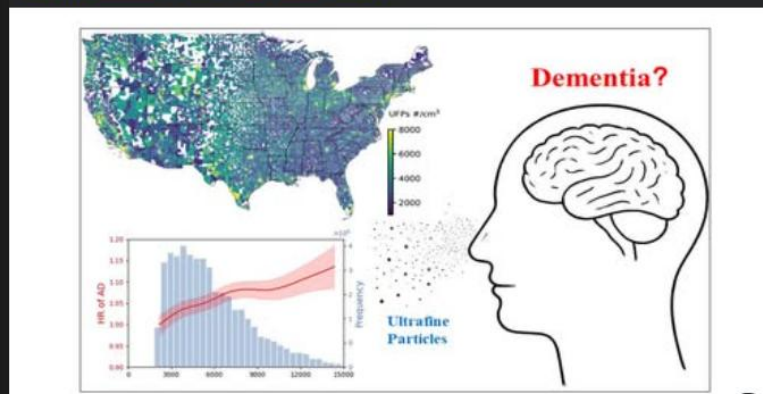


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military chiefs from allies of Ukraine are due to meet in the UK on Thursday without the US to plan how a coalition of the willing could send in troops to support the Ukrainians if a ceasefire is declared More than 30 countries were expected to be involved in such a coalition the office of Keir Starmer the British prime minister said on Monday The contribution capabilities will vary but this will be a significant force with a significant number of countries providing troops said a spokesperson It comes after Starmer held a teleconference with dozens of leaders from European countries and others including Canada and Australia

15 United Kingdom Cop30 chief executive criticizes the UK plans to slash overseas aid to fund defense spending **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian March 18 2025 Countries looking to boost their national security through rearmament or increased defense spending must also bolster their climate efforts or face more wars in the future one of the leaders of the next UN climate summit has warned Some countries could decide to include climate spending in their defense budgets suggested Ana Toni the Brazilian chief executive of the Cop30 summit Climate change is an accelerator of inequalities and poverty and we know that the consequences of inequality and poverty can turn into wars in the future she said The fight against climate change needs to be seen as something that is not divorced from the big security issue of humanity

16 France French politician jokes US should return Statue of Liberty for siding with tyrants Raphaël Glucksmann quips that US should give back 19th century gift from France over The Trump approach to Ukraine **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian March 17 2025 A French European parliament member has quipped that the US should return the Statue of Liberty which it received as a gift from France about 140 years ago after the Trump decision to side with the tyrants against Ukraine The Trump White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt then responded to Raphaël Glucksmann on Monday by calling him an unnamed low level French politician and saying the US would keep the statue

17 Russia Putin Does not Actually Want Peace **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian March 18 2025 There is at last a breakthrough in efforts to end the war in Ukraine After weeks of tortuous recriminations and reprisals encapsulated by that notorious scene in the Oval Office the United States and Ukraine last week agreed on a 30 day cease fire Military assistance and intelligence sharing once paused have resumed Since President Trump took office the saga of the war has played out almost entirely between America and Ukraine with Russia somewhere in the background Now all eyes are on Moscow People hoping for peace are likely to be disappointed Despite Putin of Russia signaling readiness for a deal nothing could be further from the truth I have been talking to Kremlin insiders who have known Putin for years and they all agreed Putin has come to love war and can no longer imagine a future without it Instead his plan is to drive a wedge between Ukraine and the United States take advantage of the Trump apparent friendliness to improve relations with America and keep the war machine running



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His Chief-of-Staff warned you.
His Defense Secretary warned you.
His Joint Chiefs-of-Staff warned you.
Historians warned you.
Pundits warned you.
Former Presidents warned you.
His sexual assault victim(s) warned you.
World economists warned you.
Judges warned you.
WE ALL WARNED YOU.

You looked the other way.

You said it was ALL fake news because he told you it was.
You said he was a great President because he said he was.
You believed his economy was great because he said it was.
You believed he wasn't a crook and a liar because he said so.

Just remember in (probably way, way less than) 4 years...

You were warned.

18 Russia Escalated Sabotage to Pressure US and Allies on Ukraine Study Says Anger at covert efforts of Russia which included targeting undersea cables warehouses and railways has the potential to influence European reactions to the US led push for an end to the war **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian March 18 2025 Russia significantly stepped up its sabotage campaign over the past two years as it sought to pressure Europe and the United States to curb their support for Ukraine A new report quantifies the scale of the covert campaign of Moscow that targeted undersea cables warehouses and railways Russian attacks in Europe quadrupled from 2022 to 2023 and then tripled again from 2023 to 2024 This is an important tool that the Russians are using in coordination with their conventional war in Ukraine It makes very little sense now for Russia to push troops across the border to the Baltic States or Finland But their payback for these countries that are providing weapons is going after their companies assassination plots against officials and threatening critical infrastructure Amid the push by Washington to halt the war in Ukraine Russia has tamped down its sabotage efforts in recent weeks But experts believe the campaign against European targets could continue once governments put in place new plans to support Ukraine with weapons or peacekeepers Russia was responsible for a series of fires in shopping centers in Warsaw Poland and Vilnius the Lithuanian capital Good to know before negotiations Tusk the leader of Poland wrote Such is the nature of this state The message to countries supporting Ukraine has been that Russia can impose costs and increase them There is little evidence that the Russian campaign was effective last year But as the United States apparently retreats from its backing of Ukraine and European allies the question will be whether a covert Russian campaign can become more successful at pushing countries to reconsider their support

19 Russia Trump and Putin to Hold Call About Ukraine What to Know The call will be the first known conversation between the two leaders since Ukraine agreed to support a US backed monthlong cease fire as long as Russia does the same **edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian March 18 2025 Trump and Putin of Russia are expected to speak on Tuesday as Washington pushes for a cease fire in Ukraine Trump said the topics would include power plants and dividing up Ukrainian assets The call will be the first known conversation between the two leaders since Ukraine agreed to support a US backed monthlong cease fire as long as Russia does the same While Trump has stated his desire to broker a truce as quickly as possible Putin seems to be seeking more concessions Many elements of a Final Agreement have been agreed to but much remains Trump wrote on Monday on Truth Social his social media platform the war must end NOW and said he was looking forward to the call with Putin

20 Russia Trump Discussion With Putin to Focus on What Ukraine Will Lose In an echo of the Yalta Conference in 1945 the American and Russian leaders will talk on Tuesday about who gets what in the process of ending the war in Ukraine **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian March 17 2025 To hear President Trump describe it he and Putin of Russia are about to have something akin to their own Yalta moment great powers determining borders within Europe He did not explicitly refer to the 1945 meeting where Churchill Stalin and a deathly ill Franklin D Roosevelt carved the continent



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into the American aligned West and the Soviet dominated East creating spheres of influence that became the battlegrounds of the Cold War But talking to reporters on Air Force One while returning from Florida on Sunday night Trump made clear that his scheduled phone conversation with Putin on Tuesday would be focused on what lands and assets Russia would retain in any cease fire with Ukraine He will in essence be negotiating over how large a reward Russia will receive for its 11 years of open aggression against Ukraine starting with its seizure of Crimea in 2014 and extending through the full scale war Putin started three years ago White House aides have made clear that Russia will certainly retain Crimea in one of those odd twists of history the location of the weeklong Yalta Conference in February 1945 and strongly suggested it would get almost all of the territory it holds

21 Germany Financial markets reacted positively to the news last week that Merz had secured the support of the Greens for his plan Germany Bundestag prepares to vote on historic borrowing package in key test for Merz Likely next chancellor needs two thirds majority to back €500bn infrastructure fund and relaxation of debt rules **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian March 18 2025 The likely next chancellor of Germany is to face a key vote on plans to unlock a record level of state borrowing which he argues is necessary to boost German military spending and inject growth into its ailing economy Ahead of the crucial Bundestag vote on Tuesday Friedrich Merz has faced a barrage of complaints from the opposition and from within his own ranks that he is not coupling the historic levels of spending planned as much as €1tn £840bn to demands for reform Merz intends to release a €500bn infrastructure fund and relax debt rules currently protected by the constitution via the outgoing parliament where parties in favour of the proposals his conservatives the Social Democrats SPD and the Greens have the necessary two thirds majority Friedrich Merz Germany is back Merz secures support of the Greens for defense spend boost Read more Merz whose conservative CDU CSU alliance won the February 2025 federal election managed to get the Greens onboard last week in a nail biting race ahead of the new parliament convening on March 25 2025 when any such legislation could be barred by the so called blocking minority of the far left Die Linke and far right AfD The parliamentary budgetary committee gave the green light to the plans on Sunday Merz however needs the support of almost all the MPs who have signaled their willingness to back the scheme as he also reckons with some dissenters including a former CDU general secretary who Merz sacked in 2023 At current reckoning he has about 30 votes above the two thirds majority in the current 736 member chamber needed to relax constitutionally enshrined German debt rules

22 North Macedonia Mourners protest against corruption in North Macedonia after nightclub fire Demonstrators call for change and justice for 59 victims after tragedy blamed on multiple safety violations **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian March 17 2025 With flags still flying at half mast in North Macedonia grief over a fire that tore through a nightclub killing dozens of people turned to anger as thousands took to the streets in protest In Kočani the town where the fire destroyed the Pulse venue early on Sunday demonstrators demanded justice for the 59 mostly young Macedonians who lost their lives and called for an end to the corrupt practices blamed for the tragedy I



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want everyone who helped this place carry on with its business to be jailed said 16 year old Jovan referring to the nightclub as he joined other protestors in the central square of Kočani We need change because this is a corrupt country Minutes later the rally descended into violence as rock throwing youths ransacked a cafe believed to belong to the owner of the nightclub With more than 150 people injured and more than 50 transferred to specialist hospitals in Greece Turkey Serbia and Bulgaria there is almost no one in the Balkan nation of close knit family bonds who has not been affected by the disaster

23 Slovenia Melania Trump shows no interest in her homeland Slovenia for that I am thankful Some Slovenes see the first lady as a chance for closer ties with the US But let us build relationships with those whose values we share **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian March 18 2025 Slovenia is a small country and not just in physical size or because it has a population of 21 million It has no real geopolitical status it does not shape the foreign policy or economy of other nations but it is shaped by them There is a prevailing belief in Slovenia therefore that we should focus on our soft power Exceptional Slovenians will pull the country out of anonymity putting the country on the map or securing recognition through their merit this view holds I do take TV influence seriously Some media commentators have even suggested that Melania might be a golden ticket in case everything goes wrong I wonder if The Trump rejection of the transatlantic alliance in favour of Vladimir Putin and his threat to launch a trade war on the EU mean that has already happened The problem with this thinking however is that it is not grounded in any reality There is nothing whatsoever in the memoir of Melania to indicate that she has any interest in fostering a political or economic relationship between her adopted country and Slovenia

24 China Chinese EV maker BYD says new fast charging system could be as quick as filling up a tank BYD reveals new platform with charging speeds of 1000 kW which would be twice as fast as The Tesla superchargers **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian March 17 2025 Chinese electric vehicle EV maker BYD has unveiled a new charging system that it said could make it possible for EVs to charge as quickly as it takes to refill with petrol and announced for the first time that it would build a charging network across China The so called super e platform will be capable of peak charging speeds of 1000 kilowatts kW enabling cars that use it to travel 400km 249 miles on a five minute charge

25 China The Hidden Cost of The Trump Trade War on China **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian March 18 2025 When President Trump placed new tariffs on China this month he doubled down on one of his top demands on Beijing to rein in the chemical companies fueling the illicit production and trafficking of fentanyl into the United States Trump has long argued that China is a huge contributor to overdoses that have killed more than 400000 Americans over the last decade and he is right For years Chinese companies have supplied the vast majority of the lethal chemicals that drug cartels around the world use to produce the fentanyl flooding American streets But starting a trade war could make it worse Tariffs alone will not push the government of China to help reduce drug overdose deaths in the United States In fact with Beijing already imposing retaliatory tariffs and proclaiming that it is ready to fight till the end the Trump blunt force tactics might drive China to cooperate less on fentanyl not more



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