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One 10000 Federal Health Dept Workers to Be Laid Off The layoffs are part of a major restructuring at the health department which now employs about 82000 people Robert F Kennedy Junior the US health secretary is reorganizing the Health and Human Services Department [RAWSEP View](#) Health and Human Services employees who traditionally work in offices not labs have now been able to do their work from home as many other workers around the world now do The rich man who heads HHS now would like employees to be available in person when that is not necessary That is just the beginning of his unfair expectations of employees that are outdated in 2025 but of course these demands are just a pretext for firing without cause Who will suffer from these unnecessary firings of necessary workers The American people who will no longer be protected to the best of the United States government ability from disease and early deaths in exchange for freeing up the average workers tax money in order to provide tax breaks for the rich [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 27 2025 Updated 1025 am ET The Trump administration on Thursday announced a massive layoff of 10000 employees at the Health and Human Services Department as part of a dramatic reorganization designed to bring communications and other functions directly under the purview of Health Secretary Robert F Kennedy Junior The layoffs reported earlier by The Wall Street Journal are a drastic reduction in personnel for the health department which now employs about 82000 people Together with previous layoffs the move will bring the department down to about 62000 the agency said The restructuring will include creating a new division called the Administration for a Healthy America which Kennedy said will go by the acronym AHA We are going to do more with less he said even as he acknowledged it would be a painful period for HHS The 28 divisions of the health agency will be consolidated into 15 new divisions according to a statement issued by the department Kennedy announced the changes in a YouTube video The Kennedy department touches the lives of every American Through its various agencies including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health It regulates drugs monitors food safety tracks infectious disease and conducts biomedical research All of those agencies have campuses outside of Washington and tend to operate under their own authority and Kennedy has been at odds with all of them Kennedy assailed them and other parts of the department in his video When I arrived I found that over half of our employees do not even come to work he claimed HHS has more than 100 communications offices and more than 40 IT departments and dozens of

procurement offices and nine HR departments In many cases they do not even talk to each other They are mainly operating in the silos

2 United States The Musk Washington Problem and The Elon Musk Wisconsin Problem A legal battle over Tesla sales in Wisconsin is the quiet backdrop to a big State Supreme Court race A Tesla showroom in Milwaukee The automaker cannot sell vehicles directly to customers in Wisconsin **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 26 2025 I was driving from Eau Claire Wis to Minneapolis last week when I saw the sign A Tesla sign Soon after I crossed the St Croix River which divides Wisconsin and Minnesota a brick and steel tower visible from Interstate 94 advertised the Tesla store and service center in Lake Elmo Minnesota The proximity of the Minnesota Tesla dealership to the Wisconsin state line is probably no accident Wisconsin law prohibits vehicle manufacturers from selling cars directly to customers there the way Tesla usually does Instead companies need to work through local franchisees Think Hanks Ford or Jimmys Subaru that sort of thing This means that in Wisconsin you can not actually stroll into a dealership and leave with a Tesla You can look at one the company has showrooms in Madison and Milwaukee but if you want one you will generally have to buy it online and pick it up somewhere like Lake Elmo or Northern Illinois or have it delivered Tesla sued Wisconsin over this law in January Now The Tesla owner Elon Musk is spending big money on the Wisconsin Supreme Court race The lawsuit has become a major focus for Democrats who are accusing Musk of trying to buy a justice and swing the very court that might at some point consider his lawsuit The Musk investment so far in the Wisconsin judicial election on the side of right wing Brad Schimel which will be held on April 1 is \$20 million The politics of the Tesla fight pits non Tesla Wisconsin based small time electric car dealers who tend to be Republican against Musk supporters who these days also tend to be Republican It used to be that Democrats were the reliable cheerleaders for Tesla electric vehicles among other electric vehicles But in 2019 The Wisconsin Democratic governor Tony Evers struck from the state budget a GOP backed measure that would have allowed direct Tesla sales in the state seeing it as a sop to an influential Republican lawmaker known to be a big fan of only Tesla electric vehicles and not concerned about a Tesla monopoly Now some Democrats are standing by the small time non Tesla Wisconsin in state car dealers The dealers tend to be family businesses in our communities and we want to protect them from the monopoly of Tesla State Senator Mark Spreitzer a Democrat said Tesla has already successfully pushed to have similar laws repealed or modified in a couple dozen states In Virginia Gov Terry McAuliffe a Democrat said he was happy to show up at a Tesla ribbon cutting back in 2015

3 California Representative Ro Khanna has been trying to counter the Trump administration including by holding town halls in Republican districts across California **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 27 2025 Representative Ro Khanna Democrat of California has been busy in the early months of 2025 trying out ways to make himself a counterweight to the Trump administration In a social media skirmish in February over Trump hiring and firing of an official who had written racist posts Khanna drew the ire of Vice President JD Vance who told him You disgust me More recently Khanna has been staging town halls in Republican districts across California with a parade of progressive co sponsors Now he is planning to shine an even brighter spotlight on Vance and on himself with speeches aimed directly at the vice president in April in the Vance home state of Ohio and at their shared alma mater Yale Law School In an interview Khanna 48 said he intended to cast Vance as a unique threat to the US constitutional order and argued that there was no time to waste in building the case against Vance a likely heir to the Trump right wing political movement There is a tension in your biography You represent Silicon Valley and have had the backing

of some of its biggest names You also co chaired the 2020 presidential campaign of Bernie Sanders Are you more of a Bernie Sanders style democratic socialist or are you a Silicon Valley capitalist? I wrote a whole book called Progressive Capitalism trying to reconcile it maybe not well! But I call myself a pro growth progressive The fundamental challenge in this country should be tackling income inequality To tackle inequality in Milwaukee or Johnstown Pa you need government but you also need business leaders I believe we need to have higher taxes on the wealthy in my district We also have to have economic dynamism economic growth in these areas and business leaders technology leaders have to be part of the solution

4 Wisconsin **RAWSEP View** The tone of Republican Commercials for the Wisconsin Supreme Court Race resemble shorts on a longtime vigilante pedophile hunters website Judges may make sentencing decisions about child sex predators but that is hardly the most important information in candidate biographies **From the article headline** A vigilante phenomenon has been playing out on the open web for almost a decade Content creators in the US pose as minors on dating apps and websites then target the people who message them Many of these vigilantes commonly known as pedophile hunters were inspired by To Catch a Predator a popular television series that ran until 2007 **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 27 2025 The hunters have copied the show format exposing their targets on social media But in the past two years a growing number have gone a step further and violently attacked the targets in their videos Viewers cheered the violence on in their comments and suggested new methods of torture One viewer suggested putting chili powder in the eyes of a man Many repeated Kill him The pedophile hunter has not posted pedophile hunter content in 2025 but earlier this month he assured his followers on X that the livestreams would return bigger than ever The faces of people targeted in the attacks have been blurred in the videos as have the chat logs which contain obscenities

5 United Kingdom The Climate crisis The attack on net zero by Conservative Kemi Badenoch is ridiculous But so were the Brexit claims of the right and look where they left us The run up to 2016 shows common sense is not enough Even ignorant reactionary arguments must be properly countered **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian March 20 2025 The speech of Kemi Badenoch on climate this week was not interesting of itself She said net zero could not be achieved by 2050 without a serious drop in our living standards or by bankrupting us She has no expertise in climate science no background in renewables or apparent familiarity with the advances made in their technology no qualification in economics Just about the only bit of that sentence she knows anything about is bankrupting us Yet even if Badenoch can take its particulars and shove them the fact of its existence is interesting for a number of reasons First this attack on net zero has been predicted not secretly by new Conservative fellow travelers though conceivably them too but by progressives For years Brexit was always obviously a plan to completely gut climate regulation First these people denied the science Then they abandoned that trench and moved back to the science is probably real but the impacts of climate change are not going to be too bad Then they went to the science is real it could be bad but we can not do anything about it because it is too expensive That is where we are now and the speech made by Badenoch may be the most mainstream expression of it so far Because even while outlets such as GB News have been preaching climate impossibilism for some time it has until now been broadly disallowable in mainstream political discourse Politicians could undermine climate action tangentially by sideswiping at the green crap but would not if they were ambitious pursue a despair agenda because it meant being ostracized from scientific and international consensus Yet if Badenoch is the first prominent person to break the cross party consensus on net zero she is not without cover There has been a

steady build of grassroots movements with specific vehement objections to apparently pro environmental policies Ultra low emission zones Ulez have attracted the ire of the outer London vandal warriors Low traffic neighborhoods blew up into a culture war between neighbors The 15 minute city attracted conspiracists All of this anti climate activism looks up close like rage attached to an issue that could never contain it When someone posts on Facebook that some people are very angry about Ulez it takes on the heft of an imagined constituency of people who are fed up with environmentalists Badenoch is speaking their truth You may feel passionately that we have one precious planet and should do everything in our power to protect it but you are not the only one who is allowed feelings And now as progressives or environmentalists or whatever word you want to use if you are too polite to say sane people are into discursive territory that is deeply familiar though you could not call it our happy place Most of us would acknowledge the increasing radicalism and stridency of the anti environmental agenda and we are self soothing with the fact that public opinion on net zero is still solidly in favour Getting into the weeds of the character of Badenoch a debate is playing out that is also deeply familiar Is she saying this because she is enchanted by dark money or is it because she is an irresponsible ignorant reactionary fool? Maybe Badenoch in the future will say Climate change is real it is bad it is expensive but it is too late By the time environmentalists start winning that argument it will be too late We need to do better on rightwing activism this time rather than just ignoring it and hoping it will go away

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But the £83bn promised for Great British Energy to spur the development of more renewable generation though unmentioned by Reeves is in question The rural economy is also faltering a survey this month by the National Farmers Union found confidence among farmers in England and Wales at an all time low The budget for the sustainable farming initiative which rewards farmers for taking measures that improve the environment such as helping to clean the air and water and protect soils may be cut in June Failing to spend sufficiently on protecting the UK against the climate crisis could also prove a costly mistake as the impacts of extreme weather are expected to worsen Every £1 spent on flood resilience prevents about £8 of damage of which £3 is a direct benefit to the government a report last year from the Green Finance Institute found the degradation of the UK natural environment was slowing economic growth and could lead to an estimated 6 to 12% reduction in the UK economy But those impacts are not immediate while the fiscal rules are defined by expediency Simon McWhirter deputy chief executive at the UK Green Building Council said The spring statement continues this UK short term thinking when what we need are robust spending plans to drive long term prosperity 7 [Headlines The Guardian March 27 2025](#) World Weather watch climate shifts threaten the return of birds as spring arrives Spring The Guardian World Weather watch Could global heating wreak havoc on satellites of the Earth Climate crisis The Guardian United States Bipartisan letter to Pentagon inspector general implores investigation into Signal group chat leak – live United States US could see return of acid rain due to The Trump rollbacks says scientist who discovered it Pollution The Guardian Australia Australians deserve answers on climate before they vote Here are five things we still do not know Adam Morton The Guardian Australia Green hydrogen has stalled in nearly every corner of Australia So why is the government still revving it up Environment The Guardian United Kingdom The attack by Badenoch on net zero is ridiculous But so were the Brexit claims of the right and look where they left us The Guardian United Kingdom Just Stop Oil to hang up the hi vis after three years of climate action Just Stop Oil The Guardian United Kingdom No mention of green issues by Rachel Reeves but her silence comes as a relief Green economy The Guardian United Kingdom UK carbon emissions fell by 4 in 2024 official figures show Greenhouse gas emissions The Guardian South Korea Expert says climate change behind the worst wildfires on record in South Korea video South Korea The Guardian 8 [Headlines The New York Times March 27 2025](#) United States 10000 Federal Health Dept Workers to Be Laid Off The New York Times United States Auto Tariff Sticker Shock The New York Times United States For Some Measles Patients Vitamin A Remedy Supported by RFK Junior Leaves Them More Ill The New York Times United States She Inspired Laws to Hold the Fossil Fuel Industry Accountable Now She is a Target The New York Times United States Trump Administration Abruptly Cuts Billions From State Health Services The New York Times United States Trump Loses Bid to Pause Ruling on Federal Funding Freeze The New York Times United States Trump Officials in Leaked Signal Chat Had Criticized the Hillary Clinton Private Email Server The New York Times California Ro Khanna Wants to Take On JD Vance The New York Times Mississippi Sheriff Used Inmate Labor for Family Farm The New York Times Wisconsin A Musk Lawsuit in Wisconsin Is the Backdrop to the Wisconsin Supreme Court Race The New York Times Wisconsin Online Pedophile Hunters Are Growing More Violent and Going Viral The New York Times Ukraine Drones Mines and Snipers The Ukraine Front Line Is a World Away from Peace Talks The New York Times Ukraine European Leaders Try to Hammer Out Ukraine Support Plans The New York Times Turkey Deports BBC Reporter Who Covered Mass Protests The New York Times Yemen Intelligence Officials Face a Fresh Round of Questions About Signal Leak The New York Times Yemen Late Night Ca not Quit the Group Chat The New York Times Yemen Secrets on Signal The New York Times Yemen Trump Administration Deflects Blame for Leak at Every Turn The New York Times South Korea Wildfires Raze Ancient Temples Force Evacuations The New York Times