

Episode 57DFZ March 29 2025 JD Vance whining echoes Trump ignores Public health at 5th year COVID

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1A United States Vance rips hit piece in Jewish Insider **RAWSEP View** In the Signal group chat Vance disparaged traditional democratic allies of the United States Vance doubles down on his Signal comments and adds a Trumpian whining to the mix Get out the tiny violins Vance is not concerned with real problems facing the American people such as the threat to Public Health of Bird Flu and the need for vaccines which alternatives in support of Public Health are being stripped away by the Trump Administration **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Hill March 27 2025 Vance posted on social platform X This morning Jewish Insider Editor in Chief Josh Kraushaar ran a hit piece against me in Jewish Insider which has become an anti JD rag The Jewish Insider published the news article Thursday under the headline the Vance reluctance to support Houthi strikes concerns some leading GOP senators with the subheading Several GOP senators told Jewish Insider they are concerned the Vance isolationist worldview may reshape the direction of the party Donald Trump Junior who advocated for Vance to be the Trump running mate last year defended the Vance in the Jewish Insider piece and shot back at Republicans who spoke anonymously about Vance calling them cowardly neocons The fact that they are too cowardly to do that is exactly why I am so happy that these RINOs are a dying breed in our party Trump Junior told Jewish Insider

1B United States Threats to public health at every angle Covid anniversary pandemic revisionism and chronic diseases **RAWSEP View** This Public Health oriented newsletter concludes with a vignette about an anti vaxer who is coaxed to provide vaccines for his entire family because of legitimate health concerns unmet by any other means than vaccination A refuser was actually a future vaccinator **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** Your Local Epidemiologist Newsletter March 28 2025 This month marks the fifth anniversary of the Covid 19 pandemic This is a dark moment for the field of Public Health It is also a dark moment for the American people who bear the consequences of broken systems sky high health care costs high chronic disease rates mounting fears that we are completely unprepared for the next pandemic and a fractured information landscape that forces them to crowdsource health advice on social media The Covid 19 aftermath is real This moment is not just about public health It is part of a broader reckoning with trust authority and expertise But the timing just years after a global pandemic is no coincidence This week an \$11 billion cut slashed local and state public

Confirmed reduction so far, by agency	
U.S. Agency for International Development	More than 99%
Voice of America (U.S. Agency for Global Media)	More than 99%
Education	46%
Health and Human Services	16%
Energy	13%
Internal Revenue Service (Treasury)	13%
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau	12%
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Commerce)	11%
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	10%
National Science Foundation	10%
Agriculture	6%
Small Business Administration	5%
Federal Emergency Management Agency (Homeland Security)	4%
Housing and Urban Development	4%
Environmental Protection Agency	3%
General Services Administration	3%
Interior	3%
Defense	2%
Transportation	1%
Labor	1%
Transportation Security Administration (Homeland Security)	Less than 1%
State	Less than 1%
Veterans Affairs	Less than 1%
Social Security Administration	Less than 1%
Justice	Less than 1%
NASA	Less than 1%

health infrastructure With literally a one day notice What does this mean to you? Turns out a lot Want a modernized system to check your immunizations instead of digging through old records? Public health can no longer upgrade immunization information systems Want your mayor to save money and lives by addressing the opioid epidemic? Public health can no longer upgrade disease surveillance and reporting Want faster blood test results? Public health can no longer carry out major lab renovations and modernization Want to better track measles to protect your family? Public health can no longer conduct wastewater testing Want your grandma in a nursing home to live a long healthy life? Public health must discontinue infection control education for nursing homes The media and political narratives frame these cuts as simply rolling back Covid 19 spending Yes the funding was allocated in response to the pandemic but it was used to address long standing vulnerabilities issues that affect every public health topic not just Covid 19 Public health is inherently crosscutting Strengthening one area strengthens the whole system Other things that have happened just this week include mRNA vaccine technology is being questioned despite its revolutionary impact on medicine Long covid research shut down which was discovering pathways and treatments for chronic fatigue syndrome in general Five top CDC officials resigned Fueling the dismantling of our public health infrastructure is pandemic revisionism the rewriting of history from the comfortable vantage point of 2025 where we now enjoy the benefits of immunity scientific knowledge and hindsight Just last week The Daily podcast gave political scientists 45 minutes to argue that non pharmaceutical interventions lockdowns masks quarantines did not work or worse were deliberately implemented by public health officials despite knowing better This narrative is far from the truth Consider these pivotal questions that challenge revisionist thinking If lockdowns do not work why did they succeed in New Zealand and Australia? If masks are useless why did flu nearly disappear? If quarantines are ineffective should we stop using them for measles? These interventions are not relics of Covid they are the same tools we rely on today for bird flu and measles Yet we see alarming examples like the Florida approach to measles in schools In the first year of the pandemic we faced a crisis with literally no vaccine no treatment terrible diagnostics no surveillance system and no federal plan Outbreaks were widespread hospitals were overwhelmed and people were dying This was our reality We must be able to hold two truths 1 Mistakes were made 2 Public health demonstrated remarkable resilience Revisionist narratives often erase the second truth Public health has always been underfunded and understaffed a system not set up to succeed And we are doing nothing to fix that infrastructure now The Chronic versus infectious disease battle Covid 19 also brought in its wake the false pretense that public health does not focus on chronic health nutrition or other key issues that Americans care deeply about The US has entire centers of research and practice dedicated to diabetes cancer Alzheimers chronic disease and mental health The 22 Healthy People 2030 goals for public health prevention focus more on chronic diseases than infectious diseases Today do not be tricked These cuts today dramatically impact chronic disease too Sideline scientific advancements like in diabetes and cancer research Cutting USDA programs that support healthy eating at schools and local farmers What we are seeing today is not careful reform This is a sledgehammer approach with little regard for the real world consequences The only thing holding the public health system together is the unwavering workforce commitment with one clear mission of healthier communities But how much longer can that last? A poll this week found 75% of scientists are considering leaving their jobs Americans value the people who protect their health The top two trusted sources of health information are doctors and public health departments 88% of Americans still believe in routine vaccinations Grassroots efforts are



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Confirmed cuts*	At least	49,110
Employees who took buyouts	About	75,000
More planned reductions	At least	171,080

*Many of these employees have been temporarily reinstated, following court orders.



mobilizing and bipartisan support is emerging against big lobby groups that undermine human health This Covid 19 5th anniversary is different It has not been about looking back to learn for the future it has been about surviving the present and preventing with all our might the Trump boulder from rolling back down the hill Your Local Epidemiologist YLE reaches over 340000 people in over 132 countries with one goal Translate the ever evolving public health science so that people will be well equipped to make evidence based decisions On a personal note I spoke with a family in clinic last week who said We do not immunize our kids Using your YLE data I neutrally spoke of the measles outbreak and the personal risks the kids in the room faced I finally said Think about it I respect your choices and you must know we will always be available We can keep a set aside just for you A week later they came back for vaccines This committed refuser was actually a future vaccinator The right leaning science suspicious fringe community are NOT a uniform block Perhaps they too are getting a bit skeptical of the anti science fringe

2 Montana University of Montana Tribes join forces to protect air quality the University of Montana UM Montana Climate Office and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes CSKT joined forces to install the first comprehensive PurpleAir network across the Flathead Reservation [RAWSEP View](#) Montana is installing PurpleAir PM25 monitor networks to monitor wildfire smoke and to monitor in one instance the PM2.5 emissions from a coal fired furnace in a high school That monitoring at a high school resulted in the school replacing the coal fired furnace with electric heating which may be a series of Heat Pumps which work down to 40 degrees below zero and also serve as air conditioners That would be the most rational replacement of an antiquated and polluting high school heating method but the replacement heating method is not named in the article Of course Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates would like to see any wood fired furnaces also replaced by Heat Pumps in Montana and maybe in the future PurpleAir PM25 monitors hanging from the eaves of houses of near neighbors of indoor residential wood burners could be used to show air pollution levels over World Health Organization standards of 5 micrograms per cubic meter and that evidence of air pollution from wood burning could be used to shut down all air polluting wood burning appliances in Montana one appliance at a time if necessary Since wood burning is 90 percent PM2.5 particulate matter of 2.5 micrometer size the perfect size to infiltrate the human lung setting off a cascade of human health problems and early deaths stopping wood burning could save lives in Montana and lower medical costs for treating the diseases that wood burning PM2.5 causes beginning with lung cancer [Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization](#) University of Montana UM News Service March 22 2025 Missoula Montana Blending Western science with tribal knowledge the University of Montana and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes are working together to build infrastructure to combat the growing threat of wildfire smoke exposure in Montana The UM Montana Climate Office and CSKT joined forces to install the first comprehensive PurpleAir network across the Flathead Reservation Affordable PurpleAir monitors collect real time air quality data providing communities with the information they need to know about local conditions and how they compare to national air quality standards The data generated by the air quality network are publicly available to health researchers statewide who are trying to understand the unique health implications of smoke exposure These trailblazing efforts are helping create a model for Montana to take steps toward improving its air quality in the ongoing fight against wildfire From Spark to Spread The CKST air quality sensor network plugs into a larger initiative by the tribes known as the Climate Change Strategic Plan The plan is one of the first tribal programs in the US to generate a framework for



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<p>Agriculture</p> <p>Reduction so far: 6%</p> <p>Confirmed cuts* About 5,700</p> <p>Confirmed buyouts Unknown</p> <p>More planned reductions Unknown</p> <p>*Most have been reinstated and put on paid administrative leave.</p>	<p>Commerce</p> <p>National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration</p> <p>Reduction so far: 11%</p> <p>Total planned reduction: 19%</p> <p>Confirmed cuts* About 800</p> <p>Confirmed buyouts About 500</p> <p>More planned reductions More than 1,000</p> <p>*Most have been reinstated and put on paid administrative leave.</p>	<p>Consumer Financial Protection Bureau</p> <p>Reduction so far: 12%</p> <p>Total planned reduction: 64%</p> <p>Confirmed cuts* At least 210</p> <p>Confirmed buyouts Unknown</p> <p>More planned reductions Up to 900</p> <p>*Some have returned to work after court orders.</p>
<p>Defense</p> <p>Reduction so far: 2%</p> <p>Total planned reduction: 6%</p> <p>Confirmed cuts* About 10</p> <p>Confirmed buyouts About 21,000</p> <p>More planned reductions Up to 39,000</p> <p>*Includes four senior officials and top lawyers for the Army, Navy and Air Force.</p>	<p>Energy</p> <p>Reduction so far: 13%</p> <p>Confirmed cuts* Up to 1,000</p> <p>Confirmed buyouts About 1,000</p> <p>More planned reductions Unknown</p> <p>*About 550 probationary workers have been reinstated and put on paid leave.</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>Reduction so far: 46%</p> <p>Total planned reduction: 46%</p> <p>Confirmed cuts* About 1,380</p> <p>Confirmed buyouts About 570</p> <p>More planned reductions Unknown</p> <p>*Sixty-five probationary workers have been reinstated and put on paid administrative leave.</p>
<p>Environmental Protection Agency</p> <p>Reduction so far: 3%</p> <p>Total planned reduction: 10%</p> <p>Confirmed cuts* At least 560</p> <p>Confirmed buyouts Unknown</p> <p>More planned reductions At least 1,150</p> <p>*About 420 probationary workers have been reinstated and put on paid administrative leave.</p>	<p>General Services Administration</p> <p>Reduction so far: 3%</p> <p>Confirmed cuts* At least 360</p> <p>Confirmed buyouts Unknown</p> <p>More planned reductions Unknown</p> <p>*Most have been reinstated and put on paid administrative leave.</p>	<p>Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation</p> <p>Reduction so far: 10%</p> <p>Confirmed cuts* About 160</p> <p>Confirmed buyouts About 500</p> <p>More planned reductions Unknown</p> <p>*Most have been reinstated and put on paid administrative leave.</p>
<p>Homeland Security</p> <p>Two ombudsman offices</p> <p>Reduction so far: More than 99%</p> <p>Confirmed cuts Up to 160</p> <p>Confirmed buyouts Unknown</p> <p>More planned reductions Unknown</p>	<p>Housing and Urban Development</p> <p>Reduction so far: 4%</p> <p>Total planned reduction: 14%</p> <p>Confirmed cuts* At least 310</p> <p>Confirmed buyouts Unknown</p> <p>More planned reductions At least 930</p>	<p>Health and Human Services</p> <p>Reduction so far: 16%</p> <p>Total planned reduction: 16%</p> <p>Confirmed cuts* About 13,250</p> <p>Confirmed buyouts Unknown</p> <p>More planned reductions Unknown</p> <p>*Some 2,500 probationary workers have been reinstated and put on paid administrative leave.</p>

at an event in Wisconsin this weekend. Based on our understanding of applicable Wisconsin law we intend to take legal action today to seek a court order to stop this from happening.

3B Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul vows legal action to stop Elon Musk payments to Wisconsin voters. Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel March 28 2025. In MADISON Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul says he will take legal action against Elon Musk over Musk the Trump ally plans to award \$1 million checks to two Wisconsin voters ahead of the pivotal state Supreme Court election on Tuesday April 1 2025. In a since deleted post on X Musk said he would hold an event Sunday in Wisconsin and hand out \$1 million checks to voters in appreciation for you taking the time to vote. But after election experts and Democrats raised questions about whether the offer violated Wisconsin election bribery laws the post disappeared. Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul did not elaborate on what kind of legal action he planned to take. The move comes after Kaul and Milwaukee County District Attorney Kent Lovern received a letter from the liberal Madison based Law Forward legal firm Wisconsin Democracy Campaign and State Democracy Defenders Fund seeking an immediate investigation. The groups asked Kaul and Lovern to review The Musk America PAC offer to pay \$100 to Wisconsin voters for signing a petition opposing activist judges who have ruled against Trump and the Thursday announcement by Musk of plans to give two voters each \$1 million checks. The groups ask Kaul and Lovern to review whether the money awarded to petition signers violates the Wisconsin law barring election bribery and whether the \$1 million checks comply with Wisconsin lottery law. We further urge your office to take all necessary action to prevent any illegal activity from improperly influencing Wisconsin voters the groups wrote in the letter. A spokesman for Susan Crawford the liberal opponent of Schimel said Friday that Musk was trying to buy off Schimel and labeled his visit a last minute desperate distraction. Wisconsinites do not want a billionaire like Musk telling them who to vote for and on Tuesday voters should reject the Musk lackey Brad Schimel.

3C Wisconsin Madison Musk presence in Wisconsin Supreme Court Race. Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Milwaukee Journal Sentinel March 28 2025. In MADISON Wisconsin Judge Brad Schimel may be on the ballot but Trump and billionaire Musk outsized presence in the race has made the Wisconsin Supreme Court election to be held this Tuesday a nail biter. Schimel is a conservative. He is running against Dane County Judge Susan Crawford a liberal for a seat on the high court. State Democrats have held anti Musk town halls while supporters of Crawford have shown up at multiple stops on the statewide bus tour of Schimel with large red and white for sale signs or gigantic checks made out to Schimel from Musk. Other interests at play in the Wisconsin race for Musk. The court could decide on a case involving Tesla his electric vehicle company. Tesla sued Wisconsin in January challenging a state law that forbids manufacturers from owning dealerships. Schimel has said his vote cannot be bought but has not committed to recusing himself from the case if he is elected.

3D Wisconsin As Democrats Rail Against Musk Republicans Shrug. Both Republicans and Democrats think Musk will help them win a key race the Wisconsin Supreme Court next week. A group of protesters outside many of whom hold signs criticizing Trump and Musk. A protest outside a campaign event for Brad Schimel the conservative candidate in the Wisconsin Supreme Court race in Eau Claire Wisconsin on Wednesday. Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against



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Confirmed cuts*	About	750
Confirmed buyouts	Unknown	
More planned reductions	Unknown	

*Most have been reinstated and are back at work.

U.S. Agency for International Development

Reduction so far:	More than 99%
Total planned reduction:	More than 99%

Confirmed cuts*	About	10,000
Confirmed buyouts	Unknown	
More planned reductions	Unknown	

*The State Department said it would reduce the staff to some 15 positions.

U.S. Agency for Global Media

Confirmed cuts*	About	1,300
Confirmed buyouts	Unknown	
More planned reductions	Unknown	

Veterans Affairs

Reduction so far:	Less than 1%
Total planned reduction:	17%

Confirmed cuts*	About	1,960
Confirmed buyouts	Unknown	
More planned reductions	Up to	80,900

*Most have been reinstated and are in the process of returning to work.

Confirmed buyouts	Unknown	
More planned reductions	Unknown	

Voice of America

Reduction so far:	More than 99%
Total planned reduction:	More than 99%

Confirmed cuts*	About	7,320
Confirmed buyouts	Up to	5,000
More planned reductions	Up to	37,500

*All employees will be reinstated and placed on paid leave.

Internal Revenue Service

Reduction so far:	13%
Total planned reduction:	50%

Confirmed cuts*	About	300
Confirmed buyouts	Unknown	
More planned reductions	Unknown	

*Most have been reinstated and put on paid administrative leave.

Other Treasury Department agencies

Confirmed cuts*	About	300
Confirmed buyouts	Unknown	
More planned reductions	Unknown	

*Most have been reinstated and put on paid administrative leave.



Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization The New York Times March 28 2025 Outside a wedding venue in Stoughton Wisconsin the other night a group of Democratic protesters unfurled an enormous For Sale sign and a giant check while a man dressed as Musk pursed his lips It was meant to represent the millions that the richest man in the world had spent on behalf of Brad Schimel the conservative candidate for State Supreme Court in Wisconsin who was about to appear inside the wedding venue A resident of McFarland worried Musk could take over Wisconsin Supreme Court Musk has spent some \$20 million on behalf of the conservative candidate Brad Schimel erasing what has in recent years been a Democratic fund raising advantage in the state But Wisconsin Democrats are betting that a focus on the Musk role in the race will turbocharge their base firing up supporters like the McFarland woman as they try to preserve the narrow liberal majority of the Wisconsin Supreme Court They have put the Musk face in campaign ads and even named a statewide tour The People versus Musk It is also a way to send a message about what Musk and Trump are doing to Wisconsin Ben Wikler the Wisconsin Democratic chairman told supporters at an event I attended in Eau Claire last week The only places I did not hear about Musk were the campaign events for his chosen candidate Schimel Polls show that Musk is pretty unpopular A fact check had been added to a Musk Facebook post about long Covid The fact check noted that long Covid was not considered a vaccine injury as Musk had claimed Musk has previously shared his own skepticism about Covid vaccines posting on X in 2023 that he experienced major side effects after a booster shot Facebook announced this year just as Trump was set to begin his second term that it would follow the X example and replace fact checking with Community Notes The move was seen as a concession to the incoming administration and was celebrated by Musk as a sign of the X policy prowess

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Florida's First District: 2024 election

ELECTION DATE	EARLY TURNOUT	ELECTION DAY TURNOUT	ELECTION RESULT
Nov. 5	R+40	R+36	R+37

Latest data for Tuesday's election

AS OF	EARLY TURNOUT	ELECTION DAY TURNOUT	ELECTION RESULT
March 28	R+19	Available April 1	—
March 27	R+17	—	—

Sources: County election websites; L2 - Notes: Turnout refers to ballots cast by party registration. The early category includes votes cast in-person before Election Day and by mail. Data is as of 5 p.m. Eastern on March 28. - By The New York Times

Florida's Sixth District: 2024 election

ELECTION DATE	EARLY TURNOUT	ELECTION DAY TURNOUT	ELECTION RESULT
Nov. 5	R+25	R+29	R+30

Latest data for Tuesday's election

AS OF	EARLY TURNOUT	ELECTION DAY TURNOUT	ELECTION RESULT
March 28	R+8	Available April 1	—
March 27	R+7	—	—

Sources: County election websites; L2 - Notes: Turnout refers to ballots cast by party registration. The early category includes votes cast in-person before Election Day and by mail. Data is as of 5 p.m. Eastern on March 28. - By The New York Times