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2 United States Bessent Takes Tricky Center Stage as Trade Wars Roil US Economy The Treasury secretary received counsel and criticism from some of his predecessors over Trump policies **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 April 12 2025 Trump had upended global trade with punishing tariffs on both allies and adversaries and Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent was at the center of it defending a policy that many in the room viewed as economic malpractice The mood was somber said W Michael Blumenthal 99 who led the Treasury Department in the Carter administration and was in attendance Bessent was pressed over the strategy behind the tariffs and the impact that they would have on the economy according to Blumenthal and other people familiar with the dinner At times Bessent elevated his voice when his predecessors confronted him about The Trump approach He did not just smile Blumenthal recalled There he is he has to defend it The guest list included Robert E Rubin Henry M Paulson Lawrence H Summers Timothy F Geithner and Jack Lew The bumpy welcome was reflective of the Bessent first few months in what might be the most difficult job in Washington Wall Street hailed his nomination in hopes that he would be a voice of moderation who could temper The Trump instincts to lob scattershot tariffs around the world Now Bessent 62 is at the center of an ugly trade war with China that economists fear could reignite inflation and cause a global recession By most metrics the US economy was the strongest in the world when Trump took office in January leading some analysts to describe the Trump actions as a historic self inflicted wound akin to or similar to a soccer player scoring a goal against his own team and losing points in the process Blumenthal said he wished Bessent luck in a job that is more complicated when what is best for country is different than what Trump wants He added that traditionally the welcoming meals were light on policy discussion or advice from Treasury veterans This time was a very special occasion

3 United States Tracking the Layoffs The Musk Latest Fraud Finding Is not What It Seems His team found cases of seemingly fake people receiving unemployment benefits But that fake data exists for a reason **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 April 12 2025 Elon Musk and his Department of Government Efficiency announced this week that they had found something especially startling in their government wide hunt for fraud tens of thousands of people claiming unemployment benefits who were over age 115 under age 5 or with birth dates in the future Your tax dollars were going to pay fraudulent unemployment claims for fake people born in the future! Musk posted on X his social media platform This is so crazy that I had to read it several times before it sank in He shared a claim by the group that it had even uncovered someone with a birth date in 2154 who claimed \$41000 in unemployment These were indeed probably fake people but in a different way than Musk seemed to realize It was also most likely a case of his team discovering fraud that had already been discovered by someone else The issue dates to early in the pandemic when millions of Americans surged onto state unemployment rolls in an unprecedented

expansion of the safety net The emergency aid program enacted during the Trump first term was also susceptible to fraud As many as 15 percent of unemployment claims were fraudulent often using stolen identities To preserve records of that fraud and protect victims of the identity theft the US Labor Department encouraged state agencies that administer unemployment benefits to create pseudo claim records in effect to tie real cases of fraud in their data to make believe people The implausibility of the records was the point Agencies were seeking a way to keep track of fraud claims while detaching them from the identities of innocent people who might one day apply for unemployment benefits themselves Now four years later Musk and his team appear to have found those make believe people confirmed Friday that several states had pursued this strategy This data has been readily available reported on and audited at various government levels and departments for years said a spokesperson for the Illinois Department of Employment Security in a statement This is yet another example of a DOGE report misunderstanding this data at best or the report blatantly mischaracterizing this data at worst A former unemployment administrator in Illinois said she worried that Musk was directing the attention of the public to the wrong place It is not that the federal government missed this fraud she said but that the states need continued investment to fight it

4 California Governor Newsom Tries to Understand Bro Culture Will It Change Him in the Process? The California governor has diagnosed one problem for Democrats connecting with young men and he sees his podcast as a way to address that Other Democrats are not so sure 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 April 12 2025 It was a surprising revelation at the start of the new podcast of Governor Gavin Newsom His son had become a fan of Charlie Kirk the right wing influencer who mobilized young voters for Trump Newsom the Democratic governor of California said that 13 year old Hunter was such an admirer that he argued his father should let him attend the taping with Kirk What time? What time is Charlie going to be here? Newsom recounted his son saying at bedtime And I am like Dude you are in school tomorrow That Kirk had captivated the son of a leading Democrat and a feminist documentarian Jennifer Siebel Newsom was an indication of just how popular conservative podcasters had become with young men Many expected Newsom to respond to the Trump presidential victory by seizing the mantle as the voice of the resistance Instead he has become a different kind of voice entirely the one on the podcast The governor has been using his new platform to explore what Democrats need to do to win back young men Along the way he has tried to charm far right figures angering many in his own party and inspiring critiques that he is attempting to remake his image as a member of the liberal elite with well coifed hair as he eyes a potential run for president in 2028 The first three guests on the Newsom show officially titled This Is Gavin Newsom were conservative men who have enraged Democrats in the past Besides Kirk who has criticized gay marriage and diversity programs there was also Steve Bannon an architect of the MAGA movement and Michael Savage a conservative talk show firebrand Newsom was enamored with the idea of Musk taking such big risks with Tesla SpaceX and PayPal He kept asking for more details almost egging him on And he observed with a grin You are just not a guy who is going to sit on the beach and watch the waves come crashing in

5 Michigan Whitmer Shows How Democrats Are Playing With Fire in Cozying Up to Trump The awkward Oval Office appearance of the Michigan Governor reflected how several Democratic state leaders are cultivating cordial but politically risky relationships with the president 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 April 12 2025 Gov Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan stood glumly in the Oval Office hoping no one would take her picture She had not expected to be there standing in front of the cameras as Trump signed executive orders punishing those who opposed his 2020 election lies Ms Whitmer a prominent Democrat

seen as a possible 2028 presidential candidate had come to the White House to discuss funding for an Air National Guard base near Detroit and aid for thousands of Michiganders who had just been hit by an ice storm Then Trump aides surprised her on Wednesday by ushering her into the Oval Office not for her scheduled one on one meeting with the president but for a politically loaded appearance before the press corps She found herself an unwilling participant in his unending reality show with photos of her rocketing around group chats of Democratic strategists who wondered what on earth she was doing The episode was the result of a remarkable attempt at reconciliation between Ms Whitmer and Trump who dismissed her in 2020 as that woman from Michigan during a clash over his Trump One pandemic response

6 South Carolina Union County In South Carolina a Once Thriving Textile Hub Is Baffled by Trump Tariffs The Upstate region of South Carolina was saved by foreign companies after the fall of its textile industry Now tariffs pose another round of uncertainty Union County South Carolina has not fared nearly as well as nearby areas in reviving its economy after the textile industry collapsed But in recent years it has recruited some non textile companies and many locals do not want to turn back the clock **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 April 12 2025 In the 1970s when the Upstate region of South Carolina was known as the textile capital of the world Adolphus Jones would clock in for grueling summer shifts at one of the many mills in Union his hometown Trains roared around him transporting materials around the country Chimney stacks on the red brick mills stretched dozens of feet high like flag poles This was textile country and the cities of Union Spartanburg and Greenville were at the heart of it By the end of the 1990s automation and cheaper labor overseas took the industry away from South Carolina The economy of Union South Carolina cratered as did the most of the municipalities in the region But leaving Sunday church service on a recent afternoon a North Carolina man now 71 and retired scoffed at the Trump vision of an American manufacturing revival through tariffs The mill work had paid little Jones recalled and upward mobility was nonexistent The textile industry is dead he said buttoning his wool suit made in Italy Why would you want to bring it back here? Another North Carolina male retiree in Union whose sister used to work in a mill decades ago said that if Trump can bring that back it would be amazing and I think the economy would pick up around here and get better But building those mills would still require bringing in materials from overseas which if Trump aims are realized would be subject to tariffs and more expensive It is very convoluted Ms Cole said

7 Russia and the United States How the GOP Fell in Love With the Russia of Putin What explains the Trump radical reversal toward Moscow? **RAWSEP View** Then president Yeltsin of Russia was impressed with the groceries of the United States in 1989 Is Trump impressed by the Russian state cost controls on groceries in Russia in 2025? **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 April 12 2025 In 1989 shortly before the fall of communism Boris Yeltsin the reformer who would soon become the first freely elected president of post Soviet Russia visited a supermarket in Houston Texas and was overwhelmed by the dizzying array of meats and vegetables on offer What have we done to our poor people? he later asked an associate traveling with him The superpowers had traded places It was America that now apparently needed to be converted to Putinism Coming to a Russian grocery store the heart of evil and seeing what things cost and how people live it will radicalize you against our leaders Republican Tucker Carlson said after passing through the checkout line That is how I feel anyway radicalized Trump it seems has also been radicalized During his first term he made no shortage of startlingly pro Putin comments and even sided with Putin against his own intelligence agencies But in the first few months of his second term Trump has gone much further overturning decades of American policy toward an adversary virtually overnight He has claimed that Ukraine

was responsible for its own invasion by Russia and berated President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine during a televised meeting in the Oval Office His administration also joined North Korea and several other autocratic governments in refusing to endorse a United Nations resolution condemning Russia for the attack And he has filled his cabinet with like minded officials including his director of national intelligence Tulsi Gabbard who has been described as a comrade by Russian state TV It is almost impossible to overstate the magnitude of this pivot If in fact we are witnessing a total ideological shift of America away from its post World War II role as guarantor of the international order and an alignment with Putin and other authoritarian nationalists against the old allies that constituted the liberal world order there could not be anything more dramatic than that Russia has long served as much more than a geopolitical rival for America It has been an ideological other a foil that enabled the United States to affirm its own diametrically different values The reorientation of the US Russia policy then may say less about the persuasiveness of a set of beliefs than it does about the takeover of the Republican Party by a group of ideologues who have been welcomed in from the fringe In this sense they are no different from the neoconservatives and globalists who drew the wrath of Republican Patrick Buchanan 20 years ago by committing the United States to unpopular wars in the name of ideology

8A RAWSEP Short Takes on The Guardian Headlines April 12 2025 and April 11 2025 The gamesmanship of Trump and Musk continues and can be compared to the juvenile games of boys against girls in the United Kingdom Some boys in the UK have entered the vulnerable websites of girls supporting each other in suicide prevention forums in order to dominate the girls There is a network that may be Bro or not that promotes the idea that boys should regain their dominance in educational institutions even if the boys do not show dominance in educational testing and do not show dominance or do not do the homework in order to dominate in educational performance The problem with games is that the goals are not treated as serious and in the case of Trump and Musk the goals are often personal and chiefly selfish and for personal gain often for excess monetary gain for the individual and the goals may be and often are harmful to society as a whole Voters may feel heard when a individual purports to speak for them and speaks forcefully like Trump and Musk but the devil is in the details of the deal and the details of the tariff war speak volumes about how Trump is acting for the rich and not for the average middle class working class or poor American These stark facts of how Trump and Musk are acting are driven home by the losses to everyone who has a retirement account or any person who invests in the stock market but who is not rich in the last two weeks The **RAWSEP View** is that the Trump administration should not put roadblocks in the way of ending Tuberculosis or other preventable diseases in the United States From the article headline **Tuberculosis could end if there is more US public health funding experts say** There is a growing number of countries around the world that have blocked the rise of Nazism and the United States should look at the methods they have used to keep far right ideology at bay in each country now numbering among them Germany Austria France and Slovakia A native writes that **In Slovakia our grassroots movement helped oust a neo Nazi We can do it again** There is also a gamesmanship solution floated for Ukraine by a Trump Envoy RAWSEP View is that Ukraine is fighting in defense of Ukraine in order to emerge as a free democratic Ukraine The United States has historically and traditionally backed democracies and the United States should not falter in its historic and traditionally democratic pact and duty to help Ukraine attain total democratic freedom from tyranny **Ukraine war briefing Ukraine could be partitioned like Berlin after second world war says US envoy**

8B Headlines The Guardian April 12 2025 United States As an environmental scientist I am horrified Should supersonic passenger travel be making a comeback Science The Guardian Dealmaking genius or boy who cried wolf The Trump trade retreat sows doubts Trump tariffs The Guardian Musk thinks The Trump pal Navarro is a moron Who are we supposed to root for here? Dave Schilling The Guardian **Tuberculosis**

could end if there is more US public health funding experts say US healthcare The Guardian What are bonds and why have they spooked Trump Bonds The Guardian What is the true cost of Trump All the crises around the world that we have no time to fix Jonathan Freedland The Guardian Europe and the United Kingdom In the face of Trump mayhem Europe is the direction to which the UK must turn and Keir Starmer knows it Tom Baldwin The Guardian Sweden Fika has become more expensive rising coffee prices affect a Swedish tradition Sweden The Guardian United Kingdom We cannot pit boys against girls headlines overshadow struggles of a generation of girls Mental health The Guardian United Kingdom Birmingham accent ranked most hated on BBC unofficial league table Kate Adie reveals Birmingham The Guardian United Kingdom Misogynistic content driving UK boys to hunt vulnerable girls on suicide forums Police The Guardian

8C Headlines The Guardian April 11 2025 United States The damage is done Trump tariffs put the dollar safe haven status in jeopardy US economy The Guardian Documents reveal the Trump plan to gut funding for Nasa and climate science Nasa The Guardian The power and pitfalls of protest how to speak out without falling victim to the Trump playbook Jonathan Smucker The Guardian Trump insists tariff war is doing really well as recession fears mount Trump tariffs The Guardian Trump is pushing the world towards recession By learning the lessons of 2008 we can still prevent it Gordon Brown The Guardian White House ends funding for key US climate body No coming back from this Trump administration The Guardian North Carolina judges back Republican colleague in bid to toss votes and overturn election North Carolina The Guardian North Carolina judges order ballot checks in tight race won by Democrat North Carolina The Guardian Canada Could there be an upside to the Trump unhinged attacks on Canada Chris Michael The Guardian Europe The big lesson for Europe Trump backed down under pressure Alexander Hurst The Guardian Ukraine war briefing Ukraine could be partitioned like Berlin after second world war says US envoy Ukraine The Guardian Slovakia In Slovakia our grassroots movement helped oust a neo Nazi We can do it again Alexandra Bitušiková The Guardian Taiwan Do not panic but do not relax the Taiwan plan to use 7 Eleven chains as wartime hubs Taiwan The Guardian

9 United States Tuberculosis is now known as a disease of poverty that tends to hit hardest among people living with HIV or malnutrition and those with unstable or crowded housing Tuberculosis could end if there is more US public health funding experts say Resurgence could be on horizon as outbreaks pick up speed in US and abroad amid public health program cuts RAWSEP View Tuberculosis preventive care is threatened by Trump cost cuts to Public Health in 2025 Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization The Guardian April 12 2025 As tuberculosis outbreaks pick up speed in the US and abroad amid deep cuts in funding for local state and international public health programs a resurgence of the deadliest infectious disease including drug resistant tuberculosis could be on the horizon Increasing funding for public health responses could end tuberculosis TB altogether Tuberculosis has long suffered a PR problem Despite impressive advances in treatments and progress toward effective vaccines it has been championed by only a few dedicated people in the field But John Green as close to a celebrity as authors can get wants to change that We know how to live in a world without tuberculosis and that means ultimately that we are choosing to live in a world with tuberculosis he told TBfighters on Tuesday which is an argument underlying his new book the bestseller Everything Is Tuberculosis But all of you all are making a different choice And that is my great encouragement We know how to live in a world without tuberculosis and that means ultimately that we acknowledging that we still live in a world with tuberculosis and we must fight tuberculosis John Green author and TBfighters creator While there is an effective cure for TB developed in the 1950s it has persisted One speaker who has

experience with tuberculosis Brookes was nervous as he walked into the US Senate and House buildings donning a suit and a pin that read TB is not over The meetings went much better than he expected He is now following up with Partners In Health to send more information to his Congress members In a lot of ways this trip is just the beginning he said

10 Ukraine war briefing Ukraine could be partitioned like Berlin after second world war says US envoy General Keith Kellogg appears to suggest Ukraine could be split into zones of control after a peace deal Trump warns Putin to get moving ahead of US Russia talks What we know on day one thousand one hundred and forty four **RAWSEP View** A Trump plan to partition Ukraine threatens the democracy that Ukraine is fighting for against Russian aggression The president Zelinski is overwhelmingly popular with the Ukrainian people which could be shown by a vote but a free and fair vote during wartime is legally and practically impossible **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian April 11 2025 Ukraine could be partitioned like Berlin after the second world war The Trump envoy to Kyiv has suggested as Russia continues to hold out on accepting a truce Gen Keith Kellogg appeared to suggest the country could be split into zones of control with British and French troops as part of a reassurance force in the west and forces in the east of Moscow Between them would be Ukrainian forces and a demilitarized zone but the US would not provide any ground forces he claimed You could almost make it look like what happened with Berlin after world war two when you had a Russian zone a French zone and a British zone he told the Times newspaper Kyiv is yet to comment on the remarks Ukrainian legislators are almost certain to extend martial law again before it expires on 9 May the parliamentary speaker has said even as the US and Russia pressure Kyiv to hold a new vote Ruslan Stefanchuk underlined the legal and practical implausibility of holding free and fair elections in a country that is part occupied and still under constant attack while stressing the commitment of Ukraine to democratic elections

11 Slovakia How to beat the far right Slovakia In Slovakia our grassroots movement helped oust a neo Nazi We can do it again Professor Alexandra Bitušíková explains how face to face local activism was crucial in bringing down Marian Kotleba leader of the right wing People Party Our Slovakia termed by the professor as a Neo Nazi Party **RAWSEP View** Contrast the memories of the Velvet Revolution in 1989 with the visit of then President of Russia Yeltsin to New York City in 1989 **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian April 11 2025 Having grown up in Banská Bystrica in totalitarian Czechoslovakia I vividly remember standing in the historic square of the city a few days after the November 17 1989 the start of the Velvet Revolution holding candles in solidarity with the students protesting in Prague Never would I have imagined that 35 years later I would be speaking at a rally in the same square this time urging the preservation of democracy Back then when I was a young social anthropology academic at our local university activism was far from my mind But everything changed for me in 2013 when Marian Kotleba leader of the neo Nazi People Party Our Slovakia was elected as regional governor The shock was enormous On the night after the election a group of us gathered on the steps of the Museum of the Slovak National Uprising a site symbolizing resistance against Nazi Germany and its Slovak puppet state Echoing the past we lit candles shed tears sang songs and embraced That moment marked the beginning of our discussion of how to promote democratic values actively Since the Velvet Revolution and our accession to the EU in 2004 Slovakia has flourished despite the challenges of populism History has taught us painful lessons we were invaded by the Nazis in 1939 fell into communist totalitarianism in 1948 and suffered Soviet occupation in 1968 Not in Our Town says Never again We will not be silent