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1 United States Trump Urges Americans to Oppose Him [Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization](#) WhoWhatWhy April 20 2025 Trump on Sunday urged Americans to stand in his way as he tries to turn their country into an authoritarian regime it is either that or he set a world record in lack of self awareness The World will not be destroyed by those who do evil but rather by those who watch them without doing anything to stop them Trump said in a post that echoes the sentiment of those who are trying to rally Americans to oppose him That quote is a riff on a statement renowned physicist Albert Einstein once made about the musician and activist Pablo Casals Casals a Spaniard from Catalonia refused to perform in Nazi Germany and was a fierce opponent of Francisco Franco the authoritarian ruler of Spain from 1938 to 1975 When asked to contribute something for a book about the cellist and composer Einstein wrote that what he most admired about Casals is that he not only stood up to those oppressing his own people but also all of those opportunists who are willing to make deals with the devil Einstein then lauded Casals for having clearly recognized that the world is in greater peril from those who tolerate or abet evil than from those who do evil themselves Of course Trump a nationalist a budding fascist and a wannabe dictator is exactly the kind of leader Casals opposed which makes this social media post particularly ironic Sen Lisa Murkowski R AK made a similar statement earlier this week We are all afraid the senator who is one of the few Republicans who ever dares to defy Trump said we are in a time and a place where I certainly have not been here before And I will tell you I am oftentimes very anxious myself about using my voice because retaliation is real And that is not right Of course now that Trump has explicitly encouraged Republicans to stand up to him they can finally get off the sidelines

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2A World United Kingdom Australia Canada and Johns Hopkins in the United States Climate Change Is Stressing the Blood Supplies of the World Extreme weather disasters increasing as the planet warms can

curb blood donations while increasing demand a new analysis found **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 18 2025 Climate change is coming for something surprising The blood supply of the world Warming and extreme weather can slow blood donations disrupt blood transport and risk the safety of transfusions according to a new study published on Wednesday in The Lancet Planetary Health Extreme weather events as a result of climate change can increase demand while also limiting supply leading to blood shortages when they are most needed Avoiding this deadly mismatch of supply and demand is crucial Any major disruptions to the availability and safety of the blood supply puts lives at risk said an infectious disease researcher at the University of the Sunshine Coast in Australia and one of the lead authors of the study It is the first global assessment of how climate change affects blood supplies Artificial intelligence tools may be able to help with monitoring disease threats by better harnessing the growing amount of health and climate data available said a clinical microbiologist at the University of Alberta who also leads the microbiology team at the Canadian Blood Services Variability remains one of the biggest problems for those who want to plan for blood demand The challenge is in its unpredictability and how things are shifting said a pathologist and transfusion specialist at Johns Hopkins University who was not involved in the study Climate change introduces these humanitarian crises and natural disasters that can weigh heavily on the blood supply

2B United States Stocks Slump and Dollar Falls on Concerns That Tariffs Will Hurt Growth The Trump tariffs and threats against the Federal Reserve continued to jar investors on Monday as stocks oil and the US dollar all weakened Gold set another record high **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 21 2025 Markets on Monday continued to reverberate from the Trump trade war and threats to try to remove the chair of the Federal Reserve with stocks slumping the US dollar continuing to lose ground and oil prices slipping US stock markets which reopen Monday after the Good Friday holiday were pointing to a lower open S and P 500 futures were one percent lower Gold surged to another record high as investors sought out assets not tied to the US dollar In Asia the Nikkei 225 the Japan benchmark stock index fell one point three percent Taiwan stocks fell one point five percent Stocks in Japan and Taiwan both of which are highly intertwined trading partners with the United States are the worst performers this year in Asia Many markets including those in Hong Kong Australia and much of Europe remained closed on Monday for Easter holidays Oil prices are often considered a barometer of future economic growth and they have been weighed down by the prospect that The Trump tariffs will damage international trade Protracted high uncertainty raises the risk of financial market stress the International Monetary Fund IMF managing director said in a speech on Thursday The decline of the dollar may be a reflection of that stress On the surface a weaker dollar makes American goods cheaper overseas and imports more expensive But a substantial shift could signal that investors are moving away from a decades long belief that the dollar and US assets were a safe haven and are instead choosing to put their money elsewhere That shift can be seen in the dash for gold which has surged nearly thirty percent in price this year Gold set yet another record high on Monday rising above three thousand four hundred dollars per ounce for the first time

2C United States The Trump First 100 Days Are Paving His Path to Failure **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization**

**nonprofit organization** The New York Times April 21 2025 Trump will probably be subject to the same laws of political gravity but he risks an even steeper fall in job approval by early September because of a combination of factors some of which he shares with his predecessors and some of which are unique to his presidency Like his predecessors Trump is overreading the mandate that voters gave him While he was the first Republican to win the popular vote in 20 years his vote share was under fifty percent and his margin of victory was small by historical standards The Trump victory was also driven more by opposition to the Biden Harris administration than support for him Despite having a net negative favorability rating similar to the one he held when he lost to Biden he was able to eke out a narrow win over Kamala Harris in large part because she received six million fewer votes than Biden did four years earlier The Trump margin of victory was small by historical standards Trump like all presidents going back to the early 1990s took office in his first term with full control of Congress which makes this overreading of his mandate even more dangerous In all five cases the party of the president lost at least one branch of Congress during his first two years in office What is different about the Trump presidency this time around and what makes him even more politically vulnerable is that the current Republican controlled Congress has subjugated its role as an independent branch of government to the executive which has allowed him to pursue his most extreme appointments and policy positions What is more Trump has fallen into the trap common for newly elected presidents of not understanding the difference between the spectacle of campaigning and the work of successful governing The failure to properly plan and execute policy has defined his second term epitomized by the shambolic rollout of his immigration and tariff initiatives and the so called Department of Government Efficiency The uncertainty created by the Trump chaotic style of governing has also made it impossible for companies to make investment decisions These factors are likely to weigh heavily on Trump in the coming months given his low ceiling of support as well as the size and intensity of his opposition In a March NBC News poll forty five percent of respondents had a very negative opinion of Trump while only thirty six percent of voters had a very positive one It is the remaining nineteen percent of voters with mixed views about Trump who will ultimately determine his popularity More supportive of the Trump policies than him personally they will ultimately judge him on his performance in office not on the issues that appeal to his base Recent polling has shown that Trump has already taken a hit with these voters primarily because of his economic policies In a CNBC survey released this month fifty five percent of respondents disapproved of his management of the economy the lowest economic rating he has ever received and the first time it has been net negative in a CNBC poll Trump should be particularly concerned about his standing with independents who gave him poor marks on his handling of the economy negative 29 net approval and even poorer marks on dealing with inflation negative 51 net approval And this is before the country has felt the full impact of the Trump tariffs which will surely increase the price of goods for all Americans not to mention the long term cost to their 401ks In an early April CBS News poll sixty five percent of respondents said that they would be able to judge the effect of Trump tariff and trade policies on the US economy within a few months at most In addition to these concerns about the economy Trump is vulnerable to the cuts that he and Musk are making in government services that more and more Americans depend on The number of counties receiving significant federal assistance has ballooned since 2000 Democratic counties versus Republican counties In 2000 there were only 317 counties in the country where twenty five percent or more of the income of residents came from government assistance primarily in Medicare Medicaid and Social Security payments By 2020 that number had ballooned to

1986 counties What is particularly dangerous for Trump is that almost eighty percent of these counties supported Republicans in previous elections Despite the fact that most people think there is waste in the government and that fat should be cut they also believe that the government performs essential services They will value these services even more when they no longer receive them The public has not really felt the impact from the cuts but they will by the fall Trump campaigned on bold promises to end inflation to make America affordable again by bringing down the price of all goods and to usher in a golden age of America starting on Day 1 It will take about 230 days not 100 to get a clear picture of whether the country believes he is delivering While only a fool would make predictions in this volatile political environment we can be certain that by the beginning of September Trump will no longer be able to blame Biden for his troubles He will own for better or worse the state of the country

2D South Carolina Ten thousand Acres of Farmland Should It All Be a Superfund Site? Yes says South Carolina For years a textile mill gave farmers its sewage sludge as free fertilizer Today the land is full of forever chemicals **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 21 2025 The abandoned Galey & Lord textile mill in Society Hill SC resembles an apocalyptic wasteland Looters have hauled away the steel gates for scrap metal Rusting tanks sit in pools of dark water Alligators lurk in wastewater ponds But the real danger environmental officials say lies in the surrounding fields nearly 10000 acres of contaminated farmland including fields still growing food that South Carolina says should be part of an unprecedented federal Superfund cleanup A South Carolina Farmer who raises soy corn wheat as well as butter beans peas squash sweet corn and about 100 head of cattle started accepting free sludge in 1996 He estimates it went on about 400 acres of his 2000 acre farm He stopped accepting the sludge in 2000 In 2021 local regulators told the South Carolina Farmer that high levels of the chemicals had been detected in well water at his family farm At one well PFOA levels were about 550 times the EPA drinking water standard After the mill shuttered in 2016 the company abandoned the site and it quickly fell into disrepair In 2018 Hurricane Florence flooded several of the wastewater treatment pools Recently the chief deputy at the Darlington county office of the sheriff picked his way through the crumbling main brick building The site holds so much promise he said Riverfront property near the heart of town Maybe someday it could be used for a new factory he said or even new homes Imagine the potential if they could clean this place up he said At the sound of approaching footsteps an alligator resting on the banks of a wastewater lagoon slithered down into the dark water

2E China US Chipmakers Fear They Are Ceding the China AI Market to Huawei New restrictions on semiconductor exports to China are scrambling sales and fueling concerns that the Chinese tech giant will become a chip making powerhouse **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 18 2025 The semiconductor industry has lobbied two presidential administrations to go easy with restrictions on selling cutting edge computer chips to China Jensen Huang the chief executive of Nvidia the leading artificial intelligence chip maker in the world even traveled to Mar a Lago this month to discuss policy with Trump But with the Trump administration putting new curbs on AI chip sales this week it is clear that the pushback by the industry has failed The fallout has set off a scramble among chipmakers to reset expectations for a future with less sales to China and prompted fears that their retreat could turn the Chinese tech giant Huawei into a global chip making powerhouse To prevent

Huawei from gaining ground said the chief analyst for the research firm SemiAnalysis who closely follows the rise of AI technologies US officials must prevent China from buying American chip making equipment The US government allows some Chinese companies to buy American machinery Chinese companies have exploited that loophole the analyst said His firm has reported that approved companies have bought equipment and transferred it to Chinese companies that have been blocked from buying it Huawei is a ferocious competitor It brings a mixture of very high quality talent psychotically driven work culture and the deep backing of the Chinese government

**3** **Headline The Guardian April 21 2025** Wave of Earth Day protests as Americans mobilize against Trump US news The Guardian

3A United States Wave of Earth Day protests as Americans mobilize against Trump Organizers team up with pro democracy groups for flurry of actions to demand right to free healthy lives Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization The Guardian April 21 2025 Hundreds of marches pickets and cleanup events are taking place across the US in the run up to Earth Day on Tuesday as environmental and climate groups step up resistance to the Trump authoritarianism and its war on the planet A fortnight after the Hands Off mobilization brought millions to the streets national and grassroots organizers are teaming up with pro democracy groups for All Out on Earth Day – a wave of actions to demand the right to live free healthy lives In New York thousands of people gathered in lower Manhattan on Saturday asking that New York get out of fossil fuels which will drive further climate collapse Meanwhile in Milwaukee a Stop the Cuts march organized by Indivisible and 50501 called out Republican lawmakers backing the unprecedented cuts to healthcare education environmental protections and climate funding People march with US flags and signs such as hate will not make us great

**4** **Headlines The New York Times April 20 2025** United States Shame! Protesters Nationwide Rally Again to Condemn Trump Policies The New York Times Canada At a Time of Crisis Canadians Rush to Vote The first day of advance voting brought long waits in many parts of Canada

**5** **Headlines April 19 2025** United States Fear spreads as Trump targets lawyers and non profits in authoritarian takedown Trump administration The Guardian United States More than 400 anti Trump rallies planned in another wave of US protests US news The Guardian United States The Trump Billionaires Who Run the Economy and the Things They Say The New York Times United States US philanthropists warn against capitulating to Trump We need to step up Trump administration The Guardian Ukraine Can Trump Really Negotiate Peace in Ukraine Russians Wonder The New York Times Russia Putin Declares One Day Easter Truce in Ukraine War The New York Times