

Episode 57DHM May 12 2025 Trump Capitulation Day on China Tariffs and U S economic uncertainty

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1 [RAWSEP View](#) We lead with an excerpt from a story about science in the process of finding a cure to autoimmune diseases This brings hope to those living with an autoimmune disease and their families but also hope to all those who believe in science and medicine as tools to help humanity at a time when Trump is cutting funding to science and medicine in the United States and in United States humanitarian outreach using science and medicine to the rest of the world

Then there are two opinion pieces about Trump and his influence on United States voters Americans are putting their lives on hold amid economic anxiety under Trump as shown by a recent poll The dangerous projects of Trump follow a predictable pattern This gives hope to those who need to oppose all Trump actions which have been shown to predictably cause unnecessary human suffering in service to Trump initiating tax breaks for the rich The Democratic party predicts how a Trump action will cause unnecessary human suffering and even death and the voters for Democratic candidates in 2026 vote all Trump affiliated Republican incumbent or new candidates in 2026 out of office or off the stage Can this Trump predictable harm to voters be communicated well enough? That is the question

Trump is already causing harm economically but is taking a whining baby step backward from the tariffs against China reducing them from 145 percent to 30 percent for the next 90 days That still creates economic uncertainty and still put a 30 percent tax on goods from China for American consumers in order to pay for Trump tax breaks for the rich Could the Democratic Party calling this Capitulation Day be helpful in informing voters of the harm that Trump has already caused to the average poor or middle class person and the continuing harm he refuses to stop by continuing a 30 percent tariff against China for the next 90 days? For one thing according to a [RAWSEP View](#) tariffs were foolishly imposed for goods that the United States did not already manufacture in the United States and so the United States could not replace these goods for American consumers at a reasonable price to American consumers This is an

example of the incompetence of Trump decisions as well as the cruelty and shortsightedness of his plan to tax the poor and middle class in service to cutting taxes for the rich in America Putin and Trump are ganging up against our traditional allies in the European Union with Trump insisting on Zelenskyy participating in peace talks with Putin and a Ukraine ceasefire at the same time that Zelenskyy is meeting with the European Union in order to get military support from the allies of Ukraine Is this strong leadership from the United States or capitulation not just economically to China but capitulation to the autocracy of Russia? Poland is affected by a recent fire set by Russia and Zelenskyy invites the new pope Leo the Fourteenth to Ukraine in order to give his people more hope of support from liberal democracies

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3 Inverse vaccines The promise of a holy grail treatment for autoimmune diseases Some researchers say a new approach which suppresses a particular part of the immune system rather than amplifying it could be available in the next five years Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization The Guardian May 12 2025 Autoimmune diseases affect as many as 800 million people around the world – around one in 10 of us From multiple sclerosis and lupus to type one diabetes and rheumatoid arthritis these conditions all share a common trait the immune system of the body turns against itself Current treatments aim to suppress that response but dialing down the entire immune system comes at a steep cost it leaves patients vulnerable to other illnesses and often requires daily invasive care A revolution is now underfoot as researchers are developing a new approach that targets only the specific part of the immune system that has gone rogue These treatments are known as inverse vaccines because they suppress a particular part of the immune system rather than amplifying it as existing vaccines do Last month Hubbell and several colleagues published a paper in Science Translational Medicine showing that their inverse vaccine could protect allergic mice from house dust mite antigens a frequent cause of asthma as well as antigens to chicken egg whites a common experimental model for allergy The protection held up through repeated exposures to the allergens over several months And last year Shea the University of Michigan the biomedical engineer published a paper looking at alpha gal syndrome a potentially severe allergy to meat caused by tick bites Infected mice who were given an inverse vaccine showed significantly fewer symptoms than those who were given a placebo Some larger pharmaceutical companies are bullish on the approach and are partnering with startups In December Genentech announced a partnership with Cour the company started by Miller and Shea that could be worth up to \$900 million Last year Parvus the startup founded by Santamaria entered into a

collaboration with the pharmaceutical company AbbVie. Several inverse vaccines are now in the midst of or about to start phase two trials, small studies looking at how effective the treatment is in humans. Some scientists estimate that the first inverse vaccines could be available for use in three to five years. Others are less certain. I think it will take 10 years to have it nailed down. 4 Americans putting life on hold amid economic anxiety under Trump poll shows Exclusive Harris poll for Guardian finds people reconsidering major life events such as having children or buying a home. Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization. The Guardian May 12 2025. Americans are reconsidering major life events including marriage, having children and buying a home amid economic anxiety in the opening months of the Trump presidency, according to an exclusive poll for the Guardian. Six in 10 Americans said the economy has affected at least one of their major life goals, according to the Harris poll, citing either lack of affordability or anxiety around the current economy. Though Trump tariff policies have only been in place for a few weeks, and though Trump has temporarily walked back on some of his harshest policies, the findings are a sign that the Trump economic agenda could have long term effects. Though Trump has said that his tariffs will make America wealthy again, it appears few Americans believe him. Tariffs came out on top in a list of things that Americans believe will most likely hurt their household financially in 2025. Nearly a third (29%) of respondents, including 39% of Democrats, 28% of independents and 21% of Republicans, said that tariffs will do the most harm. Over 20% said that government policies will be the most harmful, including 24% of independents. 5 The Trump dangerous projects follow a predictable pattern. RAWSEP View. The Democratic party predicts how a Trump action will cause unnecessary human suffering and even death and the voters for Democratic candidates in 2026 vote all Trump affiliated Republican incumbent or new candidates in 2026 out of office or off the stage. Can this Trump predictable harm to voters be communicated well enough? That is the question. From the article headline. Trump big goals from the Gaza riviera to tariffs, have deflated recently. But damage has already been done. Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization. The Guardian May 12 2025. Soon after Elon Musk slapped the air with a double Nazi salute, his brother Kimbal went on X to say, 'This is what success feels like.' And three months ago, he seemed to have a point. Trump appeared to have been co-lead for a time by big brother Musk and that situation is now in a period of retrenchment. Initiatives focused on tariffs and government efficiency have all deflated somewhat. We are admittedly only a small fraction of the way through this second Trump term, but a pattern appears to be emerging: the president proclaims a big policy goal, Maga appointees scramble to interpret his objectives, and then the whole thing is abandoned in paroxysm. Which is not to say that real harm is not being caused, just less than might otherwise be. The Trump inability to follow through on his big initiatives is probably attributable to lots of things, but the quality of the man, and the people around him, stick out. All seem to have been hired for their ability to flatter and prostrate themselves, which is not the same as competence or executive experience. So now, a bigger picture is emerging. The operating moral principle directing the Trump presidency seems to be that people are generally worse than they proclaim to be. And the president has gone out of his way to hire people with limited talent and ability, whose main qualification is Maga. People who cannot follow through on big pronouncements and goals. It is indeed government by the worst. 6 Trump might claim victory but this is Capitulation Day to China. Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3

nonprofit organization The Guardian May 12 2025 China and the US have agreed a 90 day pause to the deepening trade war that has threatened to upend the global economy with reciprocal tariffs to be lowered by 115 percentage points Chinese duties on US goods will be lowered to 10% while the US tax on Chinese goods will be lowered to 30% That is because the US tariffs include a 20% rate imposed by Trump before the latest trade war which the president said was related to The China role in the US fentanyl crisis The fentanyl related tariff will still apply A spokesperson for The China ministry of commerce said This move meets the expectations of producers and consumers in both countries as well as the interests of both nations and the common interest of the world We hope that the US side will based on this meeting continue to move forward in the same direction with China completely correct the erroneous practice of unilateral tariff hikes and continually strengthen mutually beneficial cooperation 7 Kremlin says ultimatums on Ukraine ceasefire are unacceptable as EU says Russia must respond by end of day Europe live Europe warns the clock is ticking and threatens new sanctions against Moscow if it does not agree to unconditional 30 day ceasefire **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit**

organization The Guardian May 12 2025 Russia completely ignoring ceasefire offers with continuing attacks The Ukraine foreign minister says after London meeting Germany warned the clock is ticking for Russia to agree by the end of Monday to an unconditional 30 day ceasefire in Ukraine or face potential new sanctions If Moscow does not accept the demand preparations will be set in motion for fresh sanctions government spokesperson Stefan Kornelius said after European leaders demanded during a weekend visit to Kyiv that Russia agree to the ceasefire Ukrainian foreign minister Andrii Sybiha posted an update after his conversations with European foreign ministers gathered in London He said that Russians are completely ignoring the offer of a full and durable ceasefire as they continue to attack Ukrainian positions all along the frontline Moscow squanders another opportunity to put an end to the killings This once again demonstrates that The Russian only goal is to prolong the war he said Sybiha stressed that Ukraine is making every effort to end the war and give diplomacy a chance highlighting The Zelenskyy challenge to Putin to meet in person but says there has been no response as of yet As part of the London summit which Sybiha joined online the leaders discussed potential new sanctions on The Russian banking central bank and energy sectors as well as new defence assistance packages 8 Keir Starmer Volodymyr Zelenskyy Emmanuel Macron Donald Tusk and Friedrich Merz make a call to Trump from Kyiv Ukraine Ukraine Setback for Europe after Trump insists Ukraine has immediate peace talks with Russia Zelenskyy had no choice but to accept the Putin invitation to talks diplomats say **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission**

Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization The Guardian May 12 2025 Donald The Trump social media post insisting Ukraine must immediately start peace talks with Russia has set back and possibly jeopardised the European carefully laid plans to persuade the US to impose sanctions on Moscow for refusing the Trump proposal for a 30 day ceasefire European diplomats have said Volodymyr Zelenskyy had no choice but to accept the Putin invitation to talks in Istanbul on Thursday for fear of offending Trump diplomats said Putin made the offer in a bid not to alienate the US president and avoid the growing European pressure on Trump to impose harsher sanctions Western diplomats say they have no reason to believe that Trump acted in collusion with the Russian leader The leaders of Britain France Germany and Poland had for the first time gone together to Kyiv at the weekend to underline the call for a 30 day ceasefire that they said should start on Monday The aim of the visit by Keir Starmer Emmanuel

Macron Friedrich Merz and Donald Tusk was to put pressure on Trump to admit that Putin was stalling and that the US had no political option but to put swingeing economic sanctions on Russia. The Republican senator Lindsey Graham has prepared a sanctions package that has broad congressional support. Foreign ministers had also been in Lviv on Friday in a bid to put pressure on Russia including by saying plans existed to try Russian leaders for the crime of aggression in front of a special tribunal. The UK had announced further sanctions on the Russian shadow fleet. Partly due to The Trump intervention the UK has now postponed further measures due to be announced on Monday but the EU is continuing with its plans for another package of sanctions later this month. The gamechanger however would be extra US sanctions not just because of the economic impact but also due to the political symbolism in Trump acknowledging that Putin has been the chief obstacle to a settlement. On Sunday Trump issued a statement on his Truth Social website blaming both Russia and Ukraine for his ceasefire plan not coming into being. He said Ukraine should agree to meet Russia immediately. European chiefs meeting in London on Monday are waiting to see if Putin will himself go to Istanbul to hold talks with Zelenskyy a leader that he does not recognise as legitimate. In the previous round of talks in Turkey in 2022 the Russia foreign minister Sergei Lavrov led the Russian delegation. The Putin attendance might be a sign that he recognises he is under real pressure from Trump. A key demand backed by Europe will be that Putin stops prevaricating about the 30 day ceasefire. The Russian foreign ministry spokesperson told state newswire Tass Putin said it very clearly negotiations about the initial reasons for the war first then a conversation about a ceasefire. The Russian demands include a bar on Nato membership for Ukraine and recognition of the Putin annexation of four south eastern regions as well as an end to western military support for Kyiv. 9 Poland to close Russian consulate in Kraków over Warsaw fire. Ministers say investigation proves Russian intelligence services were behind shopping centre blaze last year. **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian May 12 2025 Poland has said it will close down the Russian consulate in Kraków after authorities in Warsaw announced they had found evidence proving The Russian intelligence services were behind a huge fire that destroyed a shopping centre in the Polish capital last year. In October Poland closed the Russian consulate in the city of Poznań Russia responded by shuttering the Polish consulate in St Petersburg. The Kraków consulate hosts Russian diplomats and the foreign ministry in Warsaw said they had 30 days to leave. Warsaw continues to deliberately destroy relations acting against the interests of its citizens the Russian state news agency RIA quoted the Moscow foreign ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova as saying She promised an adequate response from the Russian side. 10 Zelenskyy invites Pope Leo to Ukraine as pontiff urges journalists to report truth Leo urges media to end polarising loveless language reject paradigm of war and to use artificial intelligence responsibly **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian May 12 2025 Volodymyr Zelenskyy has invited Pope Leo XIV to Ukraine as the new pontiff urged journalists to end a polarising war on words. In a post on Telegram on Monday the Ukrainian president revealed he had spoken to Leo the first North American leader of the Roman Catholic church as the new pontiff was finishing a speech to thousands of journalists in the Vatican. Zelenskyy said I invited His Holiness to make an apostolic visit to Ukraine. Such a visit would bring real hope to all believers to all our people. He described the phone call as very warm and truly substantive. **11 Index Headlines The New York Times May 12 2025 Newsom to Ask Cities to Ban Homeless Encampments Escalating**

Crackdown **The New York Times** 12 Newsom to Ask Cities to Ban Homeless Encampments Escalating Crackdown There are no more excuses the California governor said in pushing for municipalities to address one of the most visible byproducts of homelessness **RAWSEP View** Many of the complaints of near neighbors about homeless encampments are complaints of air pollution from wood burning that enters the near neighbors yards and sickens them The housed should learn from this enforcement of nuisance laws against the homeless by a Democratic Governor Near Neighbors are aware that wood burning whether indoor or outdoor whether by housed or unhoused individuals has a consequence of polluting the air of near neighbors Housed residents have access to Heat Pump Rebates in many states that make reliance on wood burning for home heating more expensive than using the clean alternative in 2025 of Heat Pumps that work down to 40 degrees below zero and lower monthly electricity bills immediately Using Heat Pumps instead of wood burning for heating or cooking indoors or outdoors will lessen costs to near neighbors of the air pollution entering their yards which results in medical bills and funeral expenses because of the adverse health effects of breathing in wood smoke Wood burning emits ninety percent PM two point five particulates of two point five micrometer size the perfect size to infiltrate the human lung setting off a cascade of human health problems and early deaths Wood burning emits 2 point eight times the PM two point five and carbon dioxide CO2 than coal burning Wood burning emits 450 times the PM two point five as natural gas burning **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** May 12 2025 Governor Gavin Newsom plans to escalate the California push to eradicate homeless encampments on Monday calling on hundreds of cities towns and counties to effectively ban tent camps on sidewalks bike paths parklands and other types of public property The Newsom administration has raised and spent tens of billions of dollars on programs to bring homeless people into housing and to emphasize treatment But his move on Monday marks a tougher approach to one of the more visible aspects of the homelessness crisis The governor has created a template for a local ordinance that municipalities can adopt to outlaw encampments and clear existing ones California is home to about half of the U S unsheltered homeless population a visible byproduct of the temperate climate and the California brutal housing crisis Last year a record 187000 people were homeless in the state according to the Public Policy Institute of California Two thirds were living unsheltered in tents cars or outdoors Newsom cannot force cities to pass his model ban but its issuance coincides with the release of more than \$3 billion in state controlled housing funds that local officials can use to put his template in place And though it is not a mandate the call to outlaw encampments statewide by one of the best known Democrats in the country suggests a shift in the Democratic party approach to homelessness Administration officials have said the California Highway Patrol which enforces the California encampment cleanups has rarely had to arrest recalcitrant campers When it has they said it has generally been for an assortment of misdemeanor charges such as trespassing or obstructing or delaying peace officers who are performing official duties The ordinance specifies that officers may also enforce other city or state laws including laws governing the use of controlled substances or weapons fire codes and public nuisance laws The accompanying state issued guidance calls the ordinance a starting point that jurisdictions may build from and points out that it draws from an approach the state has used since July 2021 That approach state officials said has cleared more than 16000 encampments and over 311873 cubic yards of debris from freeway underpasses and other state property