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1 Decision of Trump appointees on COVID 19 vaccine policy is unscientific This is not how COVID 19 vaccine policy or any other vaccine policy should be made **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** Your Local Epidemiologist May 21 2025 Yesterday the FDA Commissioner Marty Makary and his new advisor Vinay Prasad unveiled a major shift in U S Covid 19 vaccine policy via a New England Journal of Medicine perspective piece and a live FDA event Their bottom line Going forward Covid 19 vaccines will only be recommended for people over 65 or with at least one chronic condition If manufacturers want to offer updated vaccines to younger adults they must run a new placebo controlled trial after a variant arrives Their rationale is that given higher levels of



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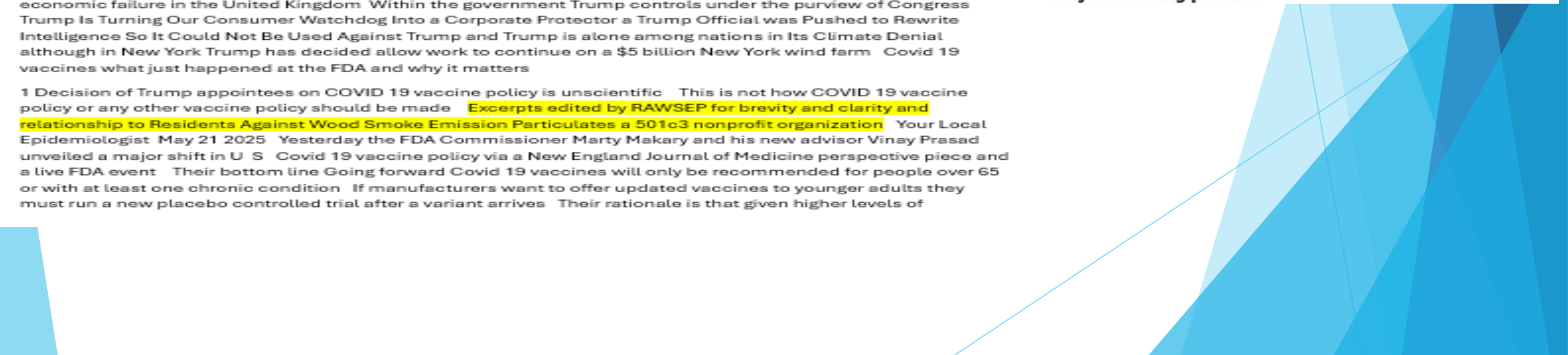
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Regular vaccine process vs. this week. Figure by Your Local Epidemiologist

Why that's a big problem



population immunity the original trials are no longer relevant. Vinay followed up by saying This is a restoration of trust. It is bringing us back to evidence. On the surface this sounds reasonable. After all severe Covid 19 is far less common in healthy young people. Given growing immunity real scientific questions exist about whether annual boosters are still warranted for everyone. And yes other countries do things differently. But beneath the surface this move is deeply troubling. It bypasses the scientific systems built to answer these questions replacing the public process in health policy with the opinions of two political appointees with chips on their shoulders. Scientific questions deserve a scientific process. Reassessing Covid 19 vaccine policy is not new. In fact the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices ACIP a group of independent scientists doctors and public health experts has been doing exactly that using evolving real world data as the virus changes and immunity shifts. While early decisions relied on placebo controlled trials that approach became impractical as variants emerged quickly. Instead ACIP adapted reviewing real world data on protection safety and impact. Each year they evaluated whether annual vaccines were providing meaningful added protection. And each year the data said yes especially for high risk groups but also across broader populations. ACIP also considers other factors including equity accessibility ease of implementation and cost effectiveness. ACIP was already scheduled to revisit these recommendations this June. Your Local Epidemiologist YLE covered this in detail at the last ACIP meeting. How vaccine policy should be made. In normal times the U S vaccine process works like this FDA Approval. Once a vaccine goes through clinical trials an external advisory committee of experts called VRBPAC and FDA assess whether a vaccine is safe and effective. Then that vaccine is given a license. Thereafter for fast mutating viruses like flu or Covid they decide whether a vaccine formula needs to be updated based on evolving data. CDC Recommendation. ACIP then reviews how the vaccine should be used who should get it when and how often. Insurance companies use this recommendation to cover vaccine costs for you. Then the CDC Director signs off. This process is public deliberative and based on evidence ethics and implementation factors. As STAT pointed out yesterday during the pandemic Makary posted on X that making a 2022 decision about Covid vaccines without holding an FDA advisory committee was unconscionable. Yet here we are. This decision was made without a VRBPAC vote. No ACIP meeting. No new data. No transparency or public discussion. Two FDA appointees decided the Covid 19 vaccine policy needed to change. Regular vaccine process versus this week. Figure by Your Local Epidemiologist. Why that is a big problem. This matters for several reasons. It undermines the evidence based process. Makary and Prasad neither of whom is a vaccinologist or has experience leading vaccine policymaking circumvented the rigorous transparent system in place. This was neither collaborative nor grounded in new evidence. There was no urgent reason to bypass that process. VRBPAC meets this Thursday just two days after this announcement. It preempts ACIP scheduled review. ACIP was already preparing to formally reassess Covid 19 vaccine guidance in June. ACIP could still recommend Covid 19 vaccination for younger Americans even off label as has happened with other vaccines like Tdap and flu. But that normally happens in lockstep with FDA not in conflict. This time the FDA move feels like a dare. Go ahead. Try to contradict us. If ACIP pushes back they risk appearing divided losing public trust and causing confusion. And in the end RFK Junior would likely overrule ACIP anyway so is this a hill to die on? It is an impossible decision. It is impractical and unethical. The FDA new proposal would require placebo controlled trials for healthy young adults every time a new variant emerges. But it is already spreading by the time a new variant is identified. Public health uses predictive modeling like the flu model to stay ahead and be proactive rather than reactive. This is also unethical and not feasible. Scientists cannot give people a saline placebo when we know a vaccine offers protection. No ethical review board would approve this. Also running an RCT in the seasonal timeframe is unrealistic. So what does this mean for you? If you are under 65 and do not have a chronic condition there is a very real chance you will not have access to a Covid 19 vaccine this fall. Much depends on what happens next month. ACIP could defy the FDA and recommend vaccines for broader use but that would be risky. We have never been in this situation before. If this FDA policy goes through the eligible chronic conditions are below. Interestingly some groups are missing despite extensive evidence of their high risk. For example overweight individuals and caregivers are missing but a common



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recommendation in other countries Bottom line This is not about whether you need a yearly Covid 19 vaccine that is a legitimate ongoing scientific debate and one ACIP was already tackling in June This is about how decisions are made and who gets to make them **FDA political appointees are sidelining expert panels** bypassing transparency and turning public health into a performance That might fly in other arenas but should not when it comes to the health and daily lives of people Vaccine decisions must be rooted in evidence debate and transparency **If this is the new model we should all be alarmed** Love Your Local Epidemiologist YLE

2 Hasan Piker Detained By Customs and Border Protection CBP While Reentering The US From France The popular progressive political streamer said he was asked leading questions about Donald Trump and Hamas among other topics **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Huffington Post May 12 2025 Hasan Piker an online streamer and political commentator said he was detained for several hours by Customs and Border Protection CBP officers over the weekend and CBP asked leading questions about what he thought of President Donald Trump Piker discussed the surprise detention in a Monday afternoon stream on Twitch telling his nearly 3 million followers he was questioned at O Hare International Airport in Chicago after returning from a trip to France They tried get something out of me to use to detain me permanently he said Piker conceded that he probably yapped away hoping to cut the detention short and because he wanted to see what information they were looking for Instead of just pleading the Fifth as I am supposed to do I just kept giving him answers he said I said I do not like Trump What are you going to do? It is protected by the First Amendment Trump said he was going to end the wars He has not ended the wars Piker said he was bracing for the officer to ask for his phone CBP never asked for the phone Reflecting on his detention Piker suspects his detention was an attempt to sow fear in the media to try to get people like myself to shut up He later called it a ridiculous tactic because I am stubborn and that is not going to work at all A Customs and Border Protection spokesperson confirmed that Piker had been referred for further inspection but the CPB spokesperson said that claims that any political belief of Piker Hasan triggered the inspection are baseless Piker may be the highest profile person detained by CBP on their return to the United States

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3 The Nvidia Chief Says US Chip Controls on China Have Backfired The Nvidia chipmaker top executive said the attempt to cut off the flow of advanced AI chips spurred Chinese companies to accelerate their development **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 May 21 2025 Lawmakers in Washington have worked for years to limit the Chinese access to the cutting edge computer chips needed for advanced artificial intelligence particularly those made by Nvidia the leading chipmaker in America But according to the Nvidia chief executive those regulations driven by economic and security concerns have only made Chinese tech companies stronger The export controls on chips forced Nvidia to forfeit its dominant position in China while domestic companies like Huawei the telecommunications giant filled the gap Trump said very publicly he would like Nvidia to sell as many GPUs as possible all around the world Huang said referring to an Nvidia product needed for AI systems He said it was important that the Chinese artificial intelligence developers work on systems made by Nvidia or at least on American technology

4 Trump Is Turning Our Consumer Watchdog Into a Corporate Protector **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit**



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CDC 2025 List of Underlying Medical Conditions That Increase a Person's Risk of Severe Covid-19

Asthma
Cancer
Hematologic malignancies
Cerebrovascular disease
Chronic kidney disease*
People receiving dialysis
Chronic lung diseases limited to the following:
Bronchiectasis
COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
Interstitial lung disease
Pulmonary embolism
Pulmonary hypertension
Chronic liver diseases limited to the following:
Cirrhosis
Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease
Alcoholic liver disease
Autoimmune hepatitis
Cystic fibrosis
Diabetes mellitus, type 1
Diabetes mellitus, type 2*
Gestational diabetes
Disabilities‡, including Down's syndrome
Heart conditions (such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies)
HIV (human immunodeficiency virus)
Mental health conditions limited to the following:
Mood disorders, including depression
Schizophrenia spectrum disorders
Neurologic conditions limited to dementia‡ and Parkinson's disease
Obesity (BMI ≥30 or ≥95th percentile in children)
Physical inactivity
Pregnancy and recent pregnancy
Primary immunodeficiencies
Smoking, current and former
Solid-organ or blood stem-cell transplantation
Tuberculosis
Use of corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive medications

* Indicates presence of evidence for pregnant and nonpregnant women.
 ‡ Underlying conditions for which there is evidence in pediatric patients.

Interestingly, some groups are missing despite extensive evidence of their high risk. For example, overweight individuals and caregivers are missing, but a common recommendation in other countries.

U.S.	U.K.	Canada	Australia
>6 months	>65 years; Residents in care homes; >6 months and high risk; >12 years who is a household contact of a person who is immune compromised; >16 years who is a carer to someone who is clinically vulnerable; All social and health care staff.	>6 months	"Should": ≥ 75 years "Consider": 65-74 years; 18-64 years with severe immunocompromise



organization The New York Times May 21 2025 These moves accompanied by the blatant corruption being encouraged by Trump send a clear message Lawbreaking is tolerated and the interests of banks tech companies and the richest financial companies in the world are paramount Thanks to the foot soldiers of Elon Musk from the so called Department of Government Efficiency the Washington offices of the bureau have gone dark While the courts have so far thwarted efforts to lay off nearly all its employees a vast majority have been sent home in the interim and many functions of the CFPB the only federal consumer financial law enforcement agency have shut down As of March the consumer complaint process of the agency which helps Americans resolve problems with their banks mortgage lenders and student loan servicers was backlogged with more than 16000 consumer complaints There is one part of the organization that is functioning the fief consisting of the the CFPB acting director Russell Vought and chief legal officer Mark Paoletta its top two Trump appointees Now the agency is not only handing out what amounts to corporate pardons to the likes of big banks and massive mortgage lenders but it is also working to reopen already settled cases Disturbingly in some cases the agency is trying to pull back or has pulled back redress and penalties that would have otherwise gone to Americans The Trump actions to effectively pardon corporate wrongdoers set a dangerous precedent for the fair administration of law in our country If corporate agreements with the federal government to change illegal practices and redress victims can be wiped away behind closed doors then those agreements will soon have no meaning at all

5 Trump Is Waging War on the Future 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 May 21 2025 Trump who appears to live in an eternal 1990 of his own mind is waging war on the American future This war has four theaters of conflict In the first Trump is waging war on constitutional government with a full spectrum attack on the idea of the United States as a nation of laws and not men He hopes to make it a government of one man himself unbound by anything other than his singular will Should the president win his campaign against self government future Americans will not be citizens of a republic as much as subjects of a personalist autocracy In the second theater of conflict the MAGA movement is waging war on the economic future of America rejecting two generations of integration and interdependency with the rest of the world in favor of American autarky of effectively closing our borders to goods and people from around the world so that the United States might make itself into an impenetrable fortress a garrison state with the power to dictate the terms of the global order especially in its own hemisphere **In this new world Americans will abandon service sector work in favor of manufacturing and heavy industry** The reality is that this particular campaign this effort to de skill the working population of the United States is more likely to immiserate the country and impoverish its residents than it is to inaugurate a golden age of prosperity Not content to leave Americans without a meaningful democratic future or one of broad economic prosperity the White House is also fighting a pitched battle against a sustainable climate future In the same way that Trump and his allies have rejected the obligation to pass the tradition of self governance of America on to the next generation they have also rejected the obligation to pass a living planet on to those who will inherit the earth **Theirs instead is an agenda of unlimited resource extraction** with little regard for the consequences Upon taking office the president issued an executive order directing federal agencies to allow drilling in formerly protected areas This despite the fact that American energy production is at an all time high and the United States is now a net exporter of oil and gas **Trump is aiming to open national forests to logging** and has issued an executive order that would expedite efforts to engage in deep sea mining despite the risks it poses to critical ecosystems **He is also openly hostile to renewable energy despite its growing efficiency and declining cost** Recall that during the campaign Trump promised to act in the direct interests of oil producers telling them outright that he would approve their projects and expand drilling provided they funded his presidential effort to the tune of \$1 billion The White House wants to wipe out a large part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration slashing its budget by a quarter and shuttering programs in climate research as well as obliterate a third of the budget of US Geological Survey an agency whose work is vital **The fourth and final theater of the MAGA war on the future is adjacent to the**



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third one an assault on the American capacity to produce scientific technological and medical breakthroughs The White House has taken a buzz saw to billions of dollars in federal grants for research in medicine and the hard sciences In the first three months of the year according to a minority report of the Senate Health Education Labor and Pensions committee Trump cut \$2 point 7 billion from the National Institutes of Health including funds for biomedical research and experimental cancer treatments Trump also seeks to slash the National Science Foundation by more than half pushing a \$4 point 7 billion cut in its preliminary budget request The Trump NSF administrators have also already paused or terminated hundreds of grants In addition the White House wants to **cut spending in the research wing of the Department of Energy the single largest funder of the physical sciences in America which supports efforts to translate basic research into new technologies and applications and seeks to defund or eliminate global disease monitoring and health tracking systems at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** This is the wanton pointless destruction of a MAGA cultural revolution It serves no obvious purpose other than to shrink the government in the most arbitrary and capricious way imaginable The federal government is the leading source of funding for science and technology research in the United States How does one make America great again by destroying its capacity to develop advanced technology? Who prospers when we rob our scientists of the resources necessary to make breakthroughs that could transform our society for the better? Even the most venal and shortsighted billionaire captains of industry should recognize how much their fortunes and influence rest on the work of countless researchers whose efforts often yield results that pay dividends for years We cannot know for certain what technologies and treatments Americans will miss out on because Trump either decided it was too expensive to maintain the American science establishment There is no doubt that we will be worse off And this is to say nothing of the potential brain drain of scientists who will leave this country or those from abroad who will choose to remain in their home countries where they live under governments that are at least a little less eager to give themselves lobotomies Trump and his allies are fighting a war on the future and in particular on the idea that our technological progress should proceed hand in hand with social and ethical progress

6 United Kingdom UK Trade Deals Bare the Reality It is a Midsize Economy Among Giants The government of Prime Minister Keir Starmer had to make some politically fraught concessions to eke out trade deals with the EU and the US **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 May 20 2025 The Prime Minister Keir Starmer deal with Trump was the first Trump made with any country since imposing across the board tariffs on dozens of trading partners The agreement with the European Union which Starmer announced on Monday is the first significant new deal between Britain and the EU since the trade accord that enshrined Brexit in 2020 Each has its selling points whether it is the EU allowing British travelers to use electronic gates at some European airports or the United States reducing tariffs on Jaguars Land Rovers and other British luxury cars bound for the American market The deal with the United States still leaves Britain worse off than it was before Trump took office saddled with a basic 10 percent tariff on exports Likewise Britain had to make concessions to get back some of what it used to get automatically as a member of the European Union While the agreement with Brussels will generate nearly 9 billion pounds or \$12 billion worth of benefits a year by 2040 according to the British government it will add just 0 point 2 percent to the British gross domestic product Brexit cost the country 5 point 5 percent of its GDP according to a 2022 study by the Center for European Reform a research center in London To close the deal with the EU Starmer made a politically fraught concession allowing European trawlers to fish in British territorial waters for 12 years in return for reduced trade barriers for British food entering the single market And to get a partial reprieve of American tariffs on British autos Britain granted greater access to American beef ethanol and agricultural products Such trade offs reflect the British sobering reality as a midsize economy operating in a world of three gargantuan trading blocs the United States the European Union and China Adding to the challenge One of these giants the United States has thrown out the rule book governing global trade This is not the world that Brexit



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is champions had imagined when they argued a decade ago for Britain to leave the single market. They said that Britain unshackled from the bureaucracy and regulations of Brussels would be able to cut favorable deals including with the United States. Trump in his first term applauded the Brexit project and held out the prospect of a trade deal as a reward. Keir Starmer portrayed the two 2025 deals plus the one with India as evidence that Britain was doing exactly the kind of opportunistic deal making the Brexiteers once envisioned. Britain is back on the world stage working with our partners doing deals that will grow our economy and putting more money in the pockets of working people, he said at a news conference flanked by Ursula von der Leyen, the president of the European Commission and António Costa, the president of the European Council. This is a new beginning. Ms von der Leyen said for old friends.

7 Virginia: From Gambling to Garbage Coal Country Mines for the Next Big Thing. As Trump pledges to revive beautiful coal, the coal counties of Virginia have largely moved on to new ventures. But who stands to benefit? The Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Bristol, Virginia, is one of several recent projects aimed at revitalizing Virginia coal country that are backed by former coal industry executives. 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, May 19, 2025. Mining counties across the slice of Appalachia in Virginia were reeling after decades of job loss. Some former coal magnates seized on what they called a moonshot solution, turning the mall into a casino in a state where gambling was not yet legal. Today the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Bristol has become an unlikely beacon of hope. It employs 1,400 workers and has sent tax revenue rippling through the surrounding coal country where the men made their first millions. The casino, which formally opened in November, was arguably the biggest economic win for the region in a decade. But the project also illustrates the challenges of finding new economic engines to replace thousands of jobs lost with the collapse of the coal industry. For all the jobs it has created, the casino does not pay anywhere near what people make in the remaining mines. Many casino workers earn close to the Hard Rock minimum pay of \$17 an hour, less than half what miners earn. The collapse of coal sent Virginia leaders into overdrive, courting new employers with subsidies and phone calls from the governor. Trump's recent efforts to revive coal production by loosening environmental rules will not change that. The people of Southwest Virginia have largely moved on from the belief that bountiful mining jobs will ever return. State and federal officials have spent tens of millions of dollars trying to revitalize the regional economy but have struggled with the formidable task of replacing mining jobs. Some of the boldest projects local officials have supported involve industries that tend to be magnets for controversy: a massive landfill, a retail cannabis empire which never advanced beyond a pitch to investors and a network of data centers that could be powered by nuclear reactors. But the bigger picture is that coal is not coming back to save the region. In fact, he said, the Trump trade wars may disrupt the remaining coal exports of Virginia.

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8 [United Kingdom and United States](#) [The Brexit Failures Could Foreshadow Trump Failures](#) [Just Not in the Way You Might Think](#) Long regarded as two versions of the same populist phenomenon they are now clearly two different stories each with its own cautionary tale [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](#) May 19 2025 On Aug 18 2016 Trump tweeted they will soon be calling me BREXIT! This was a surprise as just a couple of months earlier Trump did not appear to know what Brexit meant In 2025 the rapid retreat of Trump from his initial round of reciprocal tariffs in the face of a violent market reaction suggests an alternate Brexit parallel The only British prime minister who has tried to take advantage of so called Brexit freedoms to push a radical new agenda is Liz Truss On succeeding Boris Johnson in 2022 Truss moved quickly to institute a tax cutting regulation shredding regime She lasted just 49 days by far the shortest tenure of any prime minister in British history Truss soon blamed sabotage by the deep state But in truth she was undone by the markets which turned against her plans so rapidly that her fellow Conservative MPs dumped her in blind panic Truss now plies her trade on the fringes of MAGA world where she peddles Trumpish warnings about the collapse of the West In Britain she has become nothing more than a bad Brexit punchline It seems highly improbable that Trump will suffer anything like the Truss fate Unlike American presidents British prime ministers can be readily replaced when their parties have had enough of them The country is currently on to its sixth occupant of Downing Street since the Brexit referendum The Republican Party however spooked it might be by the Trump antics remains firmly in his pocket Nonetheless the logic of their respective situations is not so different If you act like a start up boss who only wants to break things faster than the next guy or if you employ such a boss as your henchman [you may find there is no political system left to work with](#) [Trump needs to keep shaking things up to show that he gets the frustrations of the voters who backed him](#) [But he cannot keep going forever unless he wants to preside over a wasteland](#) It is when he stops and when the American voting public [finds someone to articulate its fury about what he has destroyed](#) that he will truly be BREXIT

9 [Trump Official Pushed to Rewrite Intelligence So It Could Not Be Used Against Trump](#) An assessment contradicted a presidential proclamation A political appointee demanded a redo then pushed for changes to the new analysis too [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](#) May 20 2025 New emails document how a top aide to Tulsi Gabbard the director of national intelligence ordered analysts to edit an assessment with the hope of insulating Trump and Ms Gabbard from being attacked for the Trump claim that the government of Venezuela controls a criminal gang We need to do some rewriting and more analytic work so this document is not used against the DNI or POTUS Joe Kent the chief of staff to Ms Gabbard wrote in an email to a group of intelligence officials on April 3 2025 Notwithstanding the happiness of Joe Kent with the final work of Collins the second memo still contradicts what Trump said and its official disclosure has been a legal and political problem for Trump Ms Gabbard has since fired Collins and his deputy at the National Intelligence Council bashing them as biased deep state bureaucrats 10 [Trump](#) [The President Will Destroy You Now](#) [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](#) May 20 2025 One thing stands out amid all the chaos corruption and disorder the wanton destructiveness of the Trump presidency The targets of Trump assaults include the law higher education medical research ethical standards American foreign alliances free speech the civil service religion the media and much more Some of the damage Trump has inflicted can be repaired by future administrations but repairing relations with American allies the restoration of lost government expertise and a return to productive research may take years even with a new and determined president and Congress Let us look at just one target of the Trump vendetta [Medical research](#) Trump attacks include cancellation of thousands of grants cuts in the



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Every year, the U.S. throws away enough electricity to power over 400,000 homes. All electricity, no matter the fuel source, has to be used the moment it's generated — or it's lost forever.

Hydropower gave us large-scale energy storage nearly a century ago. Since then, battery technology has made major strides in both cost and reliability. But the U.S. hasn't invested in secure supply chains for lithium, graphite, and rare earths, and we're not leading in storage manufacturing the way we should be.

Energy storage isn't a luxury. It's the difference between a flexible, reliable grid and one that wastes what we've already built. It doesn't matter if your energy comes from gas, wind, solar, geothermal, or nuclear — if we can't store it, we waste it.

share of grants going to universities and hospitals and proposed cuts of 40 percent or more in the budgets of the National Institutes of Health the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Science Foundation Normally a president may not mandate his own leadership The reality however is that the abdication of power by Republicans in Congress has allowed Trump to create a mandate out of whole cloth Where will this frightening development take us? 11 Trump Social The Riskiest Stock Deals on Wall Street Are Back With a Trump Bump The Trump associates and crypto entrepreneurs are rushing back to the market for the once hot but mostly troubled investment vehicles called SPACs for special purpose acquisition companies 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 May 19 2025 SPACs or special purpose acquisition companies are inherently speculative They allow people to raise money in the stock market without a business plan Instead the executives usually have two years to acquire a business with the funds they raised or they have to give the money back In the years after the start of the Covid 19 pandemic when risky investing seemed to be its own form of entertainment SPACs became a \$200 billion plus phenomenon By 2021 the busiest year for these deals 613 SPACs were floated on the stock market raising \$163 billion and it seemed almost anyone with any name recognition was flogging one including former politicians like Paul Ryan and Bill Frist In October 2021 the Trump media company which operates the Truth Social platform said it would merge with a SPAC The deal did not close until 2024 but investors in the SPAC and the merged company Trump Media & Technology Group which trades under the symbol DJT have been on a wild ride The stock rose as high as \$92 in early 2022 and now trades around \$25 For any investor jumping into the SPAC market it is a speculative gamble Investors hand over money and have no idea what the sponsors might buy Because the stock is publicly traded they are betting on the chance it is a great company But the potential of a deal is not always as glorious as what investors imagine it might be The promise of something exciting is often more valuable than the actual deal 12 The US Under Trump is Alone among nations in Its Climate Denial Trump is not only allowing more greenhouse gases 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 May 19 2025 When Trump declared two weeks ago that it would largely disregard the economic cost of climate change as it sets policies and regulations it was just the latest step in a multipronged effort to erase global warming from the American agenda But Trump is doing more than just turning a blind eye to the fact that the planet is growing hotter He is weakening the capacity of the United States to understand global warming and to prepare for its consequences Trump has dismantled climate research firing some of the top scientists in America and gutted efforts to chart how fast greenhouse gases are building up in the atmosphere and what that means for the economy employment agriculture health and other aspects of American society The government will no longer track major sources of greenhouse gases data that has been used to measure the scale and identify sources of the problem for the past 15 years Even Saudi Arabia the second largest producer of oil after the United States is spending heavily on wind and solar power Average global temperatures last year were the hottest on record and 1 point 5 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels a threshold that nations had been working to avoid Every fraction of a degree of additional warming raises the risk of severe effects and possibly irreversible changes to the planet Nations must make deep and fast cuts to pollution to avoid a grim future of increasingly violent weather deadly heat waves drought water scarcity and displacement scientists have said But at this perilous moment the United States is virtually alone in the world in rejecting climate science Here we see a government that is taking a hatchet to the scientific enterprise It is the kind of destruction that will have implications for a while to come 13 Males are falling back not just professionally but also personally Why Boys and Men Are Floundering According to the Relationship Therapist Terry Real And what can be done to help them 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 May 19 2025 A session with Terry Real can be uncomfortable The marriage and family therapist is known to mirror and amplify the feelings of his clients sometimes cursing and nearly yelling in an attempt to get men in touch with emotions they are not used to expressing Real says men are often pushed to shut



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off their expression of vulnerability when they are young That process he says can lead to myriad problems in their future relationships He thinks our current models of masculinity are broken what will it take to build new ones? there was an expert on TV talking about aspirational masculinity and how all these young men are looking at Elon Musk Yeah sure richest man in the world Send people to Mars fantastic You want to be married to that guy? Most people do not Traditionally when we turn boys into men is we teach them to disconnect Disconnect from vulnerability disconnect from their feelings disconnect from others

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14 The Trump Department of Interior Leadership Plenty of time to solve climate crisis interior secretary tells representatives Burgum defends Trump budget which slashes green funds by saying AI and Iran pose bigger threats **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian May 20 2025 The US has plenty of time to solve the climate crisis the interior secretary Burgum told a House committee on Tuesday The comment came on his first of two days of testimony to House and Senate appropriators in which he defended the Trump proposed budget dubbed the one big beautiful bill that would extend tax reductions enacted during the Trump first term while cutting \$5 billion of funding for the Department of the Interior In addition to slashing spending on national parks historic preservation and other key interior department programming the budget proposal would cancel billions of dollars in infrastructure investments environmental programs and research grants It would also gut funding for renewable energy including by rolling back clean tax credits from the Inflation Reduction Act of Biden The Burgum firing happy approach to leading the interior department as well as his fossil fuel boosterism have sparked outrage among activists in Washington DC Ahead of his Tuesday testimony consumer advocacy group Public Citizen unveiled a new video criticizing the Burgum efforts to sell off public lands to the oil gas and mining industries which is being played on a mobile billboard circulating outside the Capitol Americans want clean air access to nature and a future where public lands stay public Alan Zibel a research director with Public Citizen said Instead they are getting a secretary more interested in pleasing big oil than protecting our shared resources 15 United Kingdom and United States In the never ending Brexit Wars saga reality is finally fighting back Voters can see that in the world of Trump and Putin The British future is European Westminster is playing catch up **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian May 20 2025 Like a Hollywood studio churning out the umpteenth sequel in a stale Brexit franchise Westminster has manufactured another episode in the interminable Brexit Wars saga The Reset is based on the true story of a prime minister negotiating improved terms of trade with the EU against a backdrop of global insecurity and rising economic uncertainty Britain is on a more European trajectory as a matter of strategic necessity in a dangerous world Trump is an unreliable ally and Vladimir Putin is



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a determined foe People can see that change in the geopolitical climate even if the tone of Westminster debate stuck on the old Brexit script fails to respond with suitable urgency Solidarity with our continental neighbours is a national mission that transcends the tedious juvenile idiom of Brexit Wars fandom and the sniffing of treason in renewable fish quotas It will not be the last episode in a Brexit genre shaped by fantasy but it could be the start of a new storyline where reality fights back 16 New York Trump to allow work to continue on \$5 billion New York wind farm Governor Kathy Hochul lobbied Trump in a series of phone calls and will now allow new gas pipeline capacity to move forward Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization The Guardian May 20 2025 Trump has lifted a stop work order on a \$5 billion wind farm off the coast of New York after negotiations with the state to resume the major clean energy project but cancelled plans for a gas pipeline could also be revived The month long stop work order on the Empire Wind project came amid Trump targeting of the wind industry in the first 100 days of his second term as the US president pushes a pro fossil fuels agenda The pause on the project had raised concerns about whether New York state could meet its climate and energy goals without it and environmentalists will welcome its resumption Equinor based in Norway said on Monday that construction work can now resume on the project which is expected to provide power for half a million homes from 2027 onwards and create 1500 jobs The New York governor Kathy Hochul has been lobbying Trump over resuming the project with the Washington Post reporting that she has had three one hour calls with him with the latest on Sunday The New York economic future is going to be powered by abundant clean energy that helps our homes and businesses thrive I fought to save clean energy jobs in New York and we got it done Hochul said in a statement on Monday 17 Trump can complain all he wants but he cannot stop his own economic mess Between his tariffs and his regressive big beautiful bill the president is wreaking havoc and he never learns Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization The Guardian May 20 2025 With his usual threats Trump is trying to ward off the dire reality that he has created and is bearing down on him He can coerce white shoe law firms into becoming his pro bono serfs and but he cannot rescind his harm to the economy Trump can slash the National Weather Service but he cannot stop the storm he is whipped up When the Democrats in the House attempted to bring up a bill to remove The Trump claim of a national security emergency for his tariffs another mythical emergency Republicans moved to block it in the rules committee No vote no debate It is a disappearing act If the lying does not work try intimidation That is the rhyme or reason behind But now he has created a reality he cannot disguise or bully He has done it to himself by himself The passage of his Big Beautiful Bill with its extravagant tax cuts for the wealthy and deep cuts to Medicaid wounding his white rural base of which depending on the county are 25% to 40% dependent on the federal healthcare program will spike the inflationary effect of his tariffs as well as the deficit Republicans no longer uphold the pretense that their tax cut redistribution of wealth upward will actually lower the deficit by reducing revenue The supply side economics of Reagan claims originally dubbed voodoo economics by George HW Bush in fact proved Bush a foreteller The Reagan budget director confessed that the supply side charade was a Trojan horse for lowering the upper rate and was a theory of trickle down Thus The Trump potential legislative success will only deepen his crisis Trump turns his lonely eyes to the Federal Reserve to bail him out like his father Fred Trump who always arrived in the nick of time to rescue him from his messes Trump lies in capital letters THE CONSENSUS OF ALMOST EVERYBODY IS THAT THE FED SHOULD CUT RATES SOONER RATHER THAN LATER There is no such consensus The consensus is to the contrary The Trump begging shifts to threats If Jerome Powell the chairman of the Federal Reserve does not do what Trump says he will be turned into the scapegoat Too Late Powell a man legendary for being Too Late will probably blow it again But who knows??? But Powell is imperturbable Higher real rates may also reflect the possibility that inflation could be more volatile going forward than in the inter crisis period of the 2010s he said in his most measured tone on May 15 2025 We may be entering a period of more frequent and potentially more persistent supply shocks a difficult challenge for the economy and for central banks It is not Powell who is too late It is Trump



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