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6 United States Trump Tariffs Blocked by Court Stocks Jump After Court Blocks the Trump Tariffs The ruling added to uncertainty but investors were encouraged that it could slow momentum for a trade war that threatens economic and corporate growth [RAWSEP View](#) Although in the short term there is still uncertainty experts indicate that if the court block is successful and Trump Tariffs end the resulting certainty will help the United States return to the previous economic prosperity of the Biden Era which existed until early 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 May 29 2025 Markets around the world rose on Thursday the day after a panel of U S judges blocked President Trump from imposing some of his steepest tariffs which have threatened to squeeze consumers snarl supply chains and dent corporate earnings The dollar which has been under pressure since Trump started a trade war with U S trading partners rose on Wednesday Investors sold U S government bonds The yield on the 30 year Treasury note a focus for investors after the Trump bill to cut taxes deepened worries about debt and deficits rose back above 5 percent A significant reduction or cancellation of a chunk of U S tariffs would be bad news for Treasuries since it would reduce a significant source of income and widen the budget deficit over the coming decade The court ruling suggests that in the long run extreme tariffs and rapidly changing tariffs are less likely to happen going forward which reduces uncertainty somewhat But in the short term they said the ruling and subsequent challenges to it will add significant uncertainty to the mix making it even harder for U S businesses to plan That suggests markets could continue to veer up and down on tariff developments as investors now parse court rulings and appeals in addition to the Trump threats delays and concessions

7 Germany and Ukraine Nato rearmament could increase emissions by 200 million tons a year study finds [RAWSEP View](#) If there is a climate cost as well as a death cost for increased military spending the culprit is Russia who aggressed against Ukraine and unfortunately since 2025 the leadership of Trump in the United States who by his incompetent actions and inaction in democratic Ukraine has delayed a necessary Ukraine win needed to end the conflict That necessary support of Ukraine is now being provided by Germany [Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization](#) The Guardian May 29 2025 The rearmament planned by Nato alone could increase greenhouse gas emissions by almost 200 million tons a year With the world embroiled in the highest number of armed conflicts since the second world war countries have embarked on military spending sprees collectively totaling a record \$2 point 46 trillion in 2023 For every dollar invested in new hardware there is not only a corresponding carbon cost but also an opportunity cost to potential climate action critics say This is on top of the huge death toll resulting from armed conflicts The analysis notes that spending more money on militaries also reduces resources available for policies aimed at mitigating climate change The UK for example funding its increase in spending by reducing its overseas aid budget a move mirrored in Belgium France and the Netherlands

8 United States Senate Investigation Doge employees hold stock in firms set to benefit from cuts Democrats allege Elizabeth Warren and others urge investigation over clear conflict of interest and potential criminal violation [RAWSEP View](#) Follow the money and find out how DOGE employees corruptly benefit from interrupting the financial lives of thousands of former United States government employees [Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization](#) The Guardian May 29 2025

Employees of Elon Musk department of government efficiency Doge own lucrative stock in companies that stand to directly benefit from their work gutting federal agencies Democratic senators have alleged The potential ethics violations merit an investigation by the justice department and other oversight bodies urges a letter co authored by senators Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts Ron Wyden of Oregon and Jack Reed of Rhode Island and obtained by the Guardian We write regarding new reports that Doge employees at the treasury Internal Revenue Service IRS and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau CFPB have been engaged in the dismantling of these agencies while holding hundreds of thousands of dollars of stock in private companies benefitting from these efforts of individuals to eliminate key programs staff and policies the senators state Together three examples underscore what appears to be a pervasive problem with Elon Musk and Doge employees trampling ethics rules and laws to benefit their own pockets at the expense of the American public The letter explicitly calls for a broad review by the inspectors general regarding illegal or inappropriate efforts and an investigation by the justice department into whether these and other Doge representatives may have violated federal ethics law by abusing their official roles for the benefit of private companies in which they have a vested financial interest

9 Germany Says It Will Step Up Weapons Support for Ukraine In the latest sign of a warming relationship President Volodymyr Zelensky met in Berlin with Chancellor Friedrich Merz who said Germany would increase funding for arms production and supplies [RAWSEP View](#) The long range missiles may be a game changer for Ukraine and allow a shorter time frame for ending the war with a Ukraine win [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 28 2025 Chancellor Friedrich Merz said on Wednesday that Germany would step up its support for Ukraine increasing funding for the production of weapons including long range ones and sending more military equipment to Kyiv The announcement made at a joint news conference with President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine comes as the United States is stepping away from the conflict and as Europe has been forced to move unto the breach The Merz warm embrace of Zelensky stands in stark contrast to the initially cool relationship that Olaf Scholz the previous German chancellor had with the Ukrainian leader Scholz did not visit Ukraine until a year after Russia invaded But just three days after being sworn in this month Merz traveled to Ukraine While both Russian and Ukraine are ramping up arms production they are also locked in a ferocious campaign to degrade the military industrial complex of each other through both overt and covert actions The Russian Ministry of Defense reported on Wednesday that it had shot down nearly 300 Ukrainian drones in an overnight attack aimed at military industrial targets The Ukrainian Air Force said the latest Russian bombardment before dawn on Wednesday featured 88 drones five ballistic missiles and a cruise missile Zelensky said that even as Kyiv stands ready to continue negotiations in almost any format the only way to achieve peace is to raise the cost of war for the Kremlin Zelensky told the reporters Tuesday that he remained ready for a direct meeting with Putin or a meeting with both Putin and Trump If Putin only wants a tri party format that is fine too I see no problem with formats the key is substance

10 Canada Wants to Kill 400 Ostriches Kennedy and Doctor Oz Want to Save Them Ostriches on a British Columbia farm have died of the avian flu Canada ordered hundreds of others to be culled But two top Trump administration officials have objected [RAWSEP View](#) The surprise of Trump officials

being against health measures like culling sick birds exposed to avian flu should no longer be a surprise since Kennedy Junior and Trump appointee Doctor Oz are both anti science and anti modern medicine and anti health regulations and measures such as vaccines which protect human health Whether the United States can interfere with Canadian health measures should be a question also **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 28 2025 What do the U S health secretary Robert F Kennedy Junior the celebrity physician Mehmet Oz and some Canadian animal lovers have in common? They all want to save a flock of 400 ostriches on a British Columbia farm But there is a catch The birds were in contact with a deadly virus H5N1 a type of avian flu Canada ordered the birds to be culled after the avian virus spread through Universal Ostrich Farms in Edgewood British Columbia a town in the interior of the province north of Washington State We have a duty to protect Canadians from the serious potential risks that avian influenza presents to our people and our economy the Canadian Food Inspection Agency said in statement

11 Your Cat May or May Not Love You but It Knows Your Scent **RAWSEP View** This study showed that a research protocol could be designed that cats would voluntarily participate in This groundbreaking study also indicated that scents of strangers were explored by the cat right nostril and familiar scents were explored by the cat left nostril **RAWSEP concludes** that perhaps this knowledge could result in better care for cats by their owners **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 or the Mew York Times Translation May 28 2025 For animals that are warm and fuzzy cats have a penchant for independence or even aloofness They tend to have their own ideas about what they should be doing which may or may not align with the wishes of their owners The independent natures of cats may be a factor in why research into their behavior has lagged behind scientific explorations into those of other domesticated animals including dogs In reality cats understand many things as well as dogs do but they do not show it in their behavior and are more guarded which makes it difficult to conduct experiments said a professor of animal science at the Tokyo University of Agriculture But in a study published on Wednesday in the journal PLOS One Doctor Uchiyama and his team managed to achieve some research findings in feline behavior establishing that cats respond differently to the scents of their owners than to the odors of strangers That suggests your feline friend knows what you smell like in addition to what you look and sound like Through referrals from friends and colleagues the researchers recruited 30 cats and their owners to participate in the study The owners of the cats captured their own scents by rubbing cotton swabs behind their ears between their toes and under their armpits Eight additional people who do not own pets and did not know the owners of the cats were recruited to be odor donors Each of the study cats in the comfort of its own home was then presented with an array of test tubes containing the smelly cotton swabs from its owner a stranger and a blank control A camera mounted to the experimental setup recorded the reactions of the cats to the test tubes The cats spent more time sniffing the samples from the strangers than from their owners an indication that the cats could recognize the scents of their owners and devoted more time to exploring the ones they had never smelled before While this finding might seem like common sense it is a very important piece of information said an associate professor of animal behavior at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine This is how science works You need to prove everything The researcher and his colleagues further analyzed video recordings of the cats sniffing the test tubes and observed the cats

predominantly using their right nostrils to smell the test tubes of strangers regardless of where the tube was placed within the array. These findings seemed to corroborate previous studies of other animals including dogs which also led with their right nostrils when exploring strange scents. The left nostril is used for familiar odors and the right nostril is used for new and alarming odors suggesting that scenting may be related to how the brain functions. It is likely that the right brain is preferred for processing emotionally alarming odors. The researcher urged caution in interpreting whether the sniffing behavior of the cats relates to brain function. The study did not prove that the right side of the brain is activated he said. Proving that will require cats willing to cooperate with having their brains scanned while they sniff things. Further research is needed to confirm whether the nostril cats use to smell people is a window into the feline mind. Studies like this are important for furthering human understanding of feline behavior which can help us provide better care for them. This research also showed that a cat study protocol could be deemed acceptable by its feline participants. I really commend this group of scientists for being successful in engaging 30 cats in doing this stuff the researcher said. Most cats want nothing to do with your research.

13 Germany trumpets its reckoning with its Nazi past except when it is inconvenient. **RAWSEP View** It suits the United States best if Germany continues to use a firewall against Alternative for Germany AfD the main and threatening Neo Nazi Party in Germany. If the German government under Merz continues the anti Nazi firewall and continues mainstream democratic liberal military support for Ukraine in opposition to the authoritarian aggression of Russia against Ukraine and by logical extension the European Union then modern Germany will prove by actions that it is leaving behind the German Nazi past with every positive democratic liberal German government action in 2025. The reason that it suits the United States best if Germany trumpets its reckoning with its Nazi past is that 2025 Trump America venerates the German Nazi past and the fact that Germany itself from the top of government down rejects the German Nazi past means that Trump cannot look to the present Merz German government for reinforcement of the Trump world view of allying with dictators and Neo Nazis. The German liberal democratic idea of never again Nazi should be applied to the United States and the Trump lean toward Nazism in 2025. Supporting Ukraine against Russia has a real financial cost which Germany and others in Europe are now paying because Trump has reneged on agreements with democratic liberal countries around the world. **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian May 24 2025 Growing up in Germany we were taught to believe we had done better than the generation of our grandparents who swept their complicity under a thick rug of silence. Better even than our parents whose revolts in the late 1960s rarely led to any serious reckoning with the legacy of the Holocaust. Born in the late 1980s my generation learned about Auschwitz early on. We visited former concentration camps and studied the Nazi regime not as an alien aberration but as a warning this is how democracies die. Today with the far right AfD and ethno chauvinism on the rise that warning has never felt more urgent. It is easy to condemn the past when it costs nothing. Yet at home the political and media class seems in denial about cultural patronage enabled by fortunes made possible by Nazi era crimes. There is continued collective lack of accountability and transparency when it comes to the Nazi era. In the current political climate it is also about asking if postwar the never again promise of postwar Germany retains its meaning or is being reduced to a slogan observed only when convenient.

14 Robert F Kennedy Junior RFK Junior threatens ban on federal scientists publishing in top journals US health secretary calls leading medical journals such as Lancet corrupt and pushes to create state run alternatives [RAWSEP View](#) Kennedy Junior is not a scientist or a doctor and his views are consistently anti science and anti modern medicine Kennedy Junior has a conflict of interest from receiving money from pharmaceutical companies for anti science and anti medicine research studies himself Kennedy Junior seems to be taking tactics from the Trump playbook of projection of guilt which Trump himself exhibits onto others who are innocent of that particular brand of Trump corruption Kennedy Junior projects corruption accusations against others when the corruption is originating in the actual actions of Kennedy Junior himself Limiting knowledge of medical and scientific studies published in scientific journals limits scientific knowledge itself to the detriment of modern medicine and to the detriment of human health itself Follow the money and see how Kennedy Junior has been enriched by pharmaceutical companies for anti science research [Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization](#)

The Guardian May 28 2025 Robert F Kennedy Junior has threatened to ban government scientists from publishing in the leading medical journals of the world which he branded corrupt and to instead create alternative publications run by the state We are probably going to stop publishing in the Lancet New England Journal of Medicine Jama and those other journals because they are all corrupt the US health secretary said on the Ultimate Human podcast He accused the publications of being controlled by pharmaceutical companies Instead Kennedy outlined plans to launch government run journals that would become the preeminent journals because National Institutes of Health funding would anoint researchers as a good legitimate scientist The three publications Kennedy targeted are among the most influential medical journals globally established in the 19th century and now central to disseminating peer reviewed medical research worldwide The Lancet and Jama each report more than 30m annual website visits while the New England Journal of Medicine claims more than 1 million weekly readers Kennedy has similarly accused the agencies he now oversees – including the NIH Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services – as sock puppets for the pharmaceutical industry The second Trump administration has taken an axe to scientific research with NIH funding cut by more than \$3 billion since the year before Kennedy has also purged an estimated 20000 health department staff from the government In contrast a public health researcher at Harvard Medical School is quoted as saying Banning NIH funded researchers from publishing in leading medical journals and requiring them to publish only in journals that carry the RFK Junior seal of approval would delegitimize taxpayer funded research The comments of the health secretary followed the release of a White House report last week that challenged medical consensus on vaccines and suggested pharmaceutical influence has prevented proper study of chronic disease causes in children The Kennedy Junior funding cuts and personnel changes have prompted some US scientists to consider relocating abroad with countries including France Germany Spain and China actively recruiting American researchers

15 United States Scientists Now is the time for scientists to stand up against the Trump repressive agenda The administration is attacking research health and the environment We might seem unlikely activists but we have a duty to dissent [Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization](#) The Guardian May 25 2025 There is a stereotype that the natural political activists in academia are the humanities

professors literary scholars social theorists and critics of culture are the ones who speak truth to power and fight back against oppression Yet scientists also ought to stand up and organize against the Trump attacks on scientific research and integrity History is replete with examples of scientists that have taken on great risks to resist authoritarianism Scientific inquiry cannot flourish in a society dominated by fear censorship and hate Most Scientists have an underlying goal of advancing humanity whether that is by finding cures to disease new technology or pushing the boundaries of human knowledge so that future generations are better off All of that is at risk if we remain neutral or apolitical at the wrong moment in history where there is an apparent slide toward fascism Our scientific research itself must remain free from prejudice and aimed wherever the truth may lead but the work before us is not only scientific research We must also work to preserve the conditions of life that make both science and society flourish

16 Trump Action Resistance and Personal Interest Shoulder to shoulder activities which are those done alongside each other rather than face to face are a relief to introverts as they do not require prolonged eye contact Five introvert friendly ways to hang out It can be challenging to leave the house when you are all out of eye contact but a low social battery does not have to mean a life short on socializing **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian May 28 2025 I wrote a book The Guide to Leaving the House for Introverts In my 30s I had embarked on a five year mission to become more outgoing figuring out which situations I could be comfortable in and setting myself exercises in social etiquette empathy and positive reframing These techniques became second nature by the time I hit my 40s so I decided to share what I had learned I chose to commit to shoulder to shoulder activities For instance I opted out of sitting and chatting in the beach hut but committed to a board game in the evening Think of the next lengthy get together you have got coming up and consider what you will commit to Then make sure you are in the photos Manage your mood Now that you have committed to a hangout give yourself time to self regulate since your mood has an effect on others That means no sighing on arrival or being distant If we are still killing the buzz of everyone as adults then it is something we have given ourselves permission to do hoping people will just make allowances Ask yourself this question Am I likely to send an apologetic text to this person later? If the answer is yes try to tackle your behavior in the moment instead You might acknowledge your mood and say you are going to reset You could even half jokingly ask the other person to help you out by giving you an update on their news while you are rebooting Better still take a few minutes before a meet up to focus on your positive relationship with the person and what might be going on in their life Ultimately the best way to get out of your own head is to consider the needs of another person