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1 Hope in Hungary Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization The Guardian June 11 2025 Prime Minister Viktor Orbán of Hungary addresses the audience as part of a meeting of the group Patriots for Europe in the European Parliament gathering European far right leaders in Mormant sur Vernisson center France on June 9 2025 In the countryside of Mormant sur Vernisson the event was dubbed The Victory Festival the one won on June 9 2024 exactly one year ago by the National Rally when its list came out on top in the European election receiving 31 point 37% of the votes at the time the best score in the history of the far right party in a first round Viktor Orbán inspired Trump but at home his grip on power may be loosening The Hungarian strongman faces an unprecedented political challenge Campaigners fear a dangerous clampdown If Maga politics has a spiritual leader it is Viktor Orbán The illiberal playbook of the Hungarian prime minister has given Donald Trump a manual for his second term power grab in the US while in Europe the winds of nationalism are behind him as he builds his far right network across the EU At home however a different story could be emerging **After 15 years in power opinion polls suggest the Orbán popularity is crumbling under the weight of corruption economic stagnation high inflation and ailing public services** Péter Magyar a former Fidesz insider has emerged as a serious political challenger ahead of elections next spring The Magyar Tisza party has a 6 to 8 percentage point lead in polls The Orbán reaction so far has been to try to tighten his grip and encroach even further on the space within which his domestic critics operate A new Russian inspired transparency of public life bill aimed at groups that supposedly represent a threat to national sovereignty could allow Orbán to crush dissent shuttering NGOs along with the remaining independent media **Slated for a parliamentary vote on 10 June the bill was suddenly postponed to the autumn** The delay could be a tactical move Orbán may want to hang fire and deploy the law as a distraction if economic woes deepen for example in a full scale Trump tariff war against the EU But the delay could also be a sign of panic in the regime Hungarian activists are pushing back against the slow but steady creep of authoritarianism One of the striking things is how brave people are in openly standing up for their ideals This is not a forceful kind of authoritarianism where the police will show up at your door the next day It is a more insidious thing Each development is small yet chips away at democracy

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3 France A Cutting French Senator Becomes the Trump European Nemesis In biting verbal assaults viewed by millions Claude Malhuret has issued a scathing critique of the American president bringing a lifetime of experience to bear 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 June 11 2025 At a recent ceremony in Vichy France commemorating the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe a small dapper man stepped forward from the crowd to place a wreath at the foot of a monument to the dead He listened to students speak of endangered peace the defense of French values and the fascist scourge that led to the gas chambers of Hitler The seemingly unremarkable face in the crowd was Senator Claude Malhuret who has become the European nemesis to Trump His barbed speeches viewed tens of millions of times have cast the president as an incendiary emperor and suggested that never before has anyone so trampled on the Constitution With a scathing directness prompted by what he sees as a presidential assault on the essential checks and balances of America Malhuret has compared Trump to two tyrannical Roman emperors Nero and Caligula Malhuret at the age of 75 is a retired physician and a right leaning centrist who was the mayor of Vichy for 28 years until 2017 The town of Vichy in central France is a symbol of wartime ignominy for France From 1940 to 1944 Vichy was the capital of the regime of Marshal Philippe Pétain which collaborated with Nazi Germany to send some 76000 Jews to their deaths in the death camps of Hitler Did the past of Vichy inspire his fierce stand against what he sees as an American tilt toward tyranny? You know people still come here and expect to see men with little Hitler mustaches Malhuret said The so called regime of Vichy should be called the regime of the French State or of Pétain By the time I took office here I was already a visceral antitotalitarian whether of the right or left Claude Malhuret took aim at President Trump during remarks before the French Senate in March 2025 The Vichy shorthand long proved useful in deflecting the direct criminal responsibility of France whose soul was supposedly transposed to General Charles de Gaulle and his Free French forces during the years of Nazi collaboration Only in 1995 did former President Jacques Chirac cut through the evasiveness by saying that the criminal folly of

those Vichy years was seconded by the French by the French state Malhuret is precise and direct His curtness is offset by a courtly manner and he has no time for such obfuscation His political philosophy was formed and is grounded in the atrocities and suffering he witnessed as a young doctor in Asia and elsewhere in the developing world In the 1970s he worked for Médecins Sans Frontières or Doctors Without Borders the Nobel Prize winning charity founded in 1971 to help those in need by providing aid and medical care in conflict zones The experience shattered his leftist illusions Those illusions had taken form in the 1960s He abandoned medical textbooks to read half of Marx and all of Trotsky in a matter of weeks in 1968 as student protests swept Paris We were all in the streets to say Enough! he said Enough of what was the question Nobody knew! But that did not matter It was time for change for revolution Malhuret is very reserved and very passionate at the same time with a ferocious work ethic His Trump demolition job in early March that spread quickly online lasted just eight minutes He thought the lessons of history had been learned in 1989 when the Berlin Wall fell and the Soviet Union disintegrated soon after I do not think we will see an autocratic illiberal regime in the United States that would be a surprise but then I did not think that would happen in certain European countries and perhaps even in France Malhuret said alluding to Prime Minister Viktor Orban in Hungary and the rise of the far right National Rally party in France of Marine LePen I asked why he thought the words of a French senator on Trump had such a global impact Never before Malhuret said in his speech has any president issued so many illegal decrees dismissed judges who could oppose him sacked the entire military leadership in one go weakened all counter powers and taken control of social media This is not a mere illiberal drift It is the beginning of the seizure of democracy Malhuret reflected for a long moment before saying The Republicans are scared The Democrats are stunned and leaderless But I cannot imagine there will not be a reaction The American people are facing one of the great challenges of the 21st century As great as that confronting the French in 1940 when they had to decide whether to join the Resistance or not

4 Congress Democrats Grill National Institutes of Health N I H Leader on Cuts Who Is Calling the Shots? Senators criticized the head of the National Institutes of Health for not taking responsibility for Trump administration cuts to research funding 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 June 10 2025 As the Trump administration clamped down on the American medical research funding apparatus in recent months scientists and administrators at the National Institutes of Health often privately wondered how much autonomy the N I H director Jay Bhattacharya had After all the Department of Government Efficiency the Musk signature cost cutting project helped drive decisions to cancel or delay research grants But given an opportunity before a Senate panel on Tuesday to dispel suspicions about who wields influence at the N I H Bhattacharya did little to claim ownership of perhaps the rockiest period in the many decades of funding research institutions by the N I H Decisions to freeze grant payments to Northwestern University happened before I got into office Bhattacharya told the panel members of the Senate Appropriations Committee He repeatedly said a proposal to shrink the N I H budget by \$18 billion nearly 40 percent was not his responsibility and declined to talk in detail about how the cuts would affect the agency On Monday scores of N I H employees signed their names to a letter saying those actions had been undertaken on the basis of ideological preferences and without scientific staff input effectively censoring research on issues like health disparities Covid the health effects of climate change and sexual health Bhattacharya said on Tuesday that he had set up a process for scientists to appeal funding cuts The agency he said would vet appeals within weeks

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The New York Times June 11 2025 Even before the House passed the sweeping bill carrying President The Trump domestic policy agenda Senate Republicans made it clear that they hoped to make major changes to the legislation before the G O P was done muscling it through Congress Several have wanted to pare back the cuts to Medicaid the health care program for the poor that House Republicans envisioned in the version of the legislation that they approved late last month **A handful have sought to salvage tax credits incentivizing clean energy projects that the House measure would repeal** Many have pushed to grant companies prized tax breaks for the long run not just for a few years as their colleagues across the Capitol opted to do The problem senators face is that each of these changes would be expensive At 2 point 4 trillion dollars the cost of the legislation that barely passed the House is already huge So Senate Republicans are now hunting for ways to save money a hazardous task that could involve shaving the ambitions of their colleagues in the House or in the White House On the chopping block are some of the Trump favorite parts of the bill like not taxing overtime

6 Senator McConnell Tells Hegseth the American Reputation Is at Stake in Ukraine War A testy exchange between a senator who strongly supports Ukraine aid and the defense secretary revealed a deepening split among G O P officials on the war **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 June 11 2025 Two senior Republican senators sharply criticized Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth on Wednesday over the Trump handling of Russia in its efforts to end the war in Ukraine revealing a deepening public split in the party on foreign policy Senator Mitch McConnell one of three Republicans who opposed the Hegseth confirmation in January opened a Senate budget hearing with a blunt critique of President The Trump approach to Ukraine It seems to me pretty obvious that the American reputation is on the line said McConnell the former Senate majority leader who leads the defense subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee Will we defend democratic allies against authoritarian aggressors? McConnell an outspoken hawk on Russia and military issues has been critical of the Trump defense spending plan and countered the Hegseth argument that the administration was making the largest investment in the military in 20 years **7** Britain Allocates Hundreds of Billions to Bolster Its Economy Rachel Reeves the chancellor of the Exchequer broke down public spending plans including more money for the **military public transport and affordable housing** **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 June 11 2025 The British government announced on Wednesday hundreds of billions of pounds in spending on defense health care and investment in infrastructure and housing as it laid out its economic priorities for the next few years We are renewing Britain Ms Reeves told lawmakers But I know that too many people in too many parts of our country are yet to feel it The multiyear spending review will fulfill its top mission to increase economic growth It followed announcements to spend heavily to **improve local public transport construct a nuclear power plant and build more affordable housing** Other departments such as the home office foreign office culture department and **environment** and food department face a squeeze Spending on schools after the cost of expanding free school meals will also be tight Because of a change in the fiscal rules Ms Reeves made last year she unlocked an additional £113 billion for capital investments laying out plans to invest more than £15 billion in **public transport networks £39 billion over 10 years on affordable housing and £30 billion to a nuclear powered future** I have made my choices Ms Reeves said to lawmakers In place of chaos I choose stability In place of decline I choose investment In place of pessimism division and defeatism I choose national renewal

8 Kennedy Junior Announces Eight New Members of C D C Vaccine Advisory Panel The health secretary promised not to pick anti vaxxers But some public health leaders accused him of breaking his word **RAWSEP View** Only one of the eight chosen by Kennedy Junior is a qualified vaccinologist according to experts named Cody Meissner The seven others include four that have spoken out against vaccines in

some way Robert Malone Martin Kulldorff Retsef Levi and Vicky Pebsworth who is a nurse with a Public Health PhD who claims she is the parent of a vaccine injured child 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 June 11 2025 Health Secretary Robert F Kennedy Junior on Wednesday named eight doctors and researchers including four who have spoken out against vaccination in some way to replace roughly half the members he fired from an expert panel that advises the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention The eight members Kennedy named seven men and one woman have varied credentials All are either medical doctors or have doctorates They include a psychiatrist a biostatistician an expert in health care analytics a biochemist a pediatrician an emergency medical doctor a public health and critical care nurse and an obstetrician Richard H Hughes IV who teaches vaccine law at George Washington University Law School called out one of the new committee members Cody Meissner as a legitimate vaccinologist Meissner a professor of pediatrics at Dartmouth has previously held advisory roles both with the C D C and the Food and Drug Administration Offit and other experts praised Meissner for his depth of knowledge about vaccines Hughes said three of the new members are legitimate physicians who have no discernible expertise in immunology or vaccines But he characterized the remaining four as Covid 19 deniers skeptics and outright anti vaccine individuals By far the most contentious pick and the one with the highest profile is Robert Malone Robert Malone played an early role in N A research and has claimed to be the inventor of the technology Malone became a right wing star after a 2021 appearance on The Joe Rogan Experience that exposed both Malone and Rogan to criticism that they had spread misinformation Malone was a vocal critic of the Covid response of the Biden administration Malone has a well documented history of promoting conspiracy theories and unproven treatment like ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine for Covid 19 said Jeffrey D Klausner an epidemiologist and infectious disease expert at the University of Southern California Klausner who is also a Kennedy Junior neighbor in Los Angeles and has spoken with Kennedy Junior about possible candidates for advisory committees said he was disappointed in the Malone appointment Martin Kulldorff a Swedish biostatistician and former Harvard professor has been generally supportive of vaccines and has advised the C D C on vaccine safety But he opposed Covid vaccine mandates and Covid vaccination for children and became caught up in pandemic politics in 2020 as a lead author of the Great Barrington Declaration a document that opposed lockdowns But it drew intense backlash from Anthony S Fauci and other public health leaders who branded it dangerous Francis S Collins the N I H director at the time called the authors fringe epidemiologists Kulldorff was later fired from his hospital Mass General Brigham and from Harvard in a dispute over the requirement of the hospital for staff to be vaccinated against Covid 19 Two other picks Retsef Levi and Vicky Pebsworth a nurse are also likely to come under scrutiny from public health leaders Levi an expert in analytics risk management and health systems at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has criticized school closures and Covid lockdowns and warned against NA vaccines Doctor Pebsworth a nurse who has a PhD in public health serves on the board of the National Vaccine Information Center founded in 1982 to promote awareness of the risks of vaccination She has served as a consumer representative to an expert panel that advises the F D A on vaccination and has advised the government in other capacities In its early years the vaccine information center worked with federal authorities to promote vaccine safety and to create a system to address vaccine injuries But today advocates for vaccination consider it an anti vaccine group The Pebsworth bio on the center website says she is the parent of a vaccine injured child Her son her only child experienced serious long term health problems following receipt of seven live virus and killed bacterial vaccines administered during his 15 month well baby visit which sparked her interest in vaccine safety research and policymaking and chronic illness and disability in children the site says It is unclear how the committee will move forward with an entirely new membership Its next meeting is set for later this month Committee members had expected to discuss among other things a change in the vaccination schedule for the human papillomavirus vaccine but it does not appear as though there is an agenda on the committee website