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1 Fight for Vaccines Join us today July 29 at 3 pm ET on Substack Live Jeremy Faust MD Paul Offit and Dorit Reiss July 29 2025 [With Robert F Kennedy Junior at the helm of the US Department of Health and Human Services many of our worst fears about vaccine access are starting to materialize](#) Vaccine policy is being changed summarily at the FDA and CDC and without the usual transparency or processes Voting members of the CDC vaccine advisory panel have been fired only to be replaced by a panel handpicked by RFK Junior American support for GAVI the global vaccine alliance will soon end And now RFK Junior wants to change the rules so that anti vaxxers might be able to sue vaccine manufacturers out of existence [To fight back against all of this we need to be informed on the facts](#) Today July 29 at 3 pm ET I will be joined on Substack Live in The Lounge of Doctors by a mini power panel Doctor Paul Offit and Professor Dorit Reiss You will not find better expertise Doctor Offit is a coinventor of the rotavirus vaccine Against all odds he remains a member of the FDA Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee At least for now The [Doctor Offit is Substack Beyond the Noise](#) has provided incredibly important information on this topic lately Professor Reiss of UC San Francisco Law is one of the leading experts on public health law and has been an especially key voice on vaccines Her [article on the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program](#) posted yesterday is essential reading Please join us today at 3 p m ET! Notes Risk benefit analysis always done on vaccines Example of the live Oral polio vaccine which rarely could actually cause polio until around the year 2000 Around the year 2000 the Oral polio vaccine was stopped We now use the inactivated polio vaccine which is safer Kennedy is close mouthed on what he wants to change except add injury causing autism to compensable claims If ACIP removes recommendations can tell DOJ to consider compensation without full litigation One participant chatted that he believes RFK Junior is trying to cull the population 2A KFF Health Newsletter Tuesday July 29 2025 Rural Dispatch South Dakota Tribal Health Officials Work To Fill Vaccination Gaps as Measles Outbreak Spreads RAPID CITY South Dakota Cassandra Palmier had been meaning to get her son the second and final dose of the measles vaccine But car problems made it difficult to get to the doctor So she pounced on the opportunity to get him vaccinated after learning that a mobile clinic would be visiting her neighborhood I was definitely concerned about the epidemic and the measles Palmier a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe said at the June event I wanted to do my part So did her son I am not going to be scared the 5 year old announced as he walked onto the bus containing the clinic and hopped into an exam chair He sat still as a nurse gave him the shot in his arm I did it! he said while smiling at his mother The vaccine clinic was hosted by the Great Plains Tribal Leader Health Board which serves tribes across Iowa Nebraska and the Dakotas It is one way Native American tribes and organizations are responding to concerns about low measles vaccination rates and difficulty for patient access to health care as the disease spreads across the

country 2B Health Care Costs and Coverage Republican Mega bill Will Mean Higher Health Costs for Many Americans cuts hitting medical providers Medicaid and Affordable Care Act enrollees and lawfully present immigrants are just some of the biggest changes the GOP has in store for health care — with ramifications that could touch all Americans The tightening could mean fewer health services especially in rural areas which often depend more on federal health dollars 2C In a First Trump and GOP Led Congress Prepare To Swell Ranks of US Uninsured Fewer Americans will have health insurance compromising their physical and financial health as the Trump administration and GOP controlled Congress weigh major changes to the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid The effects could be catastrophic one policy analyst predicts 2D In Rush To Satisfy Trump GOP Delivers Blow to Health Industry The health industry could not persuade GOP lawmakers to oppose big Medicaid cuts in the Trump tax and spending bill for many reasons A big one Congressional Republicans were more worried about angering Trump than a backlash from hospitals and low income constituents back home 2E Fifty Billion Dollar Rural Health Slush Fund Faces Questions Skepticism Lawmakers added a fifty billion dollar program for rural health to the Trump massive tax and spending package with promises it would help plug the hole left by Medicaid cuts Rural hospital and clinic leaders worry the infusion will not reach the right places 2F KFF Health News What the Health? Here Come the ACA Premium Hikes Medicaid may have monopolized the attention of Washington lately but substantial changes are coming to the Affordable Care Act Meanwhile Americans are learning more about what is in the Trump big budget law and polls suggest many do not like what they see 2G Mental Health The Foster Care System Has a Suicide Problem Federal Cuts Threaten To Slow Fixes Children and young adults in the U S foster care system suffer from mental health disorders and die by suicide at far higher rates than the general population. Yet the system does not uniformly screen and treat children who are at risk 2H Reproductive Health Doula's Once Medicaid Increasingly Covers a Luxury Even in GOP States Even as states brace for significant reductions in federal Medicaid funding over the next decade conservative legislatures across the country are passing laws that grant doula access to Medicaid beneficiaries 2i Public Health SNAP versus MAHA 04 point 2 Cuts to Food Benefits Stand in the Way of the RFK Junior Goals for a Healthier National Diet The Trump administration has said improving American nutrition is a priority but deep cuts to federal food assistance could lead people to forgo healthy food in favor of cheaper alternatives 2j Amid PFAS Fallout a Maine Doctor Navigates Medical Risks With Her Patients A doctor doing environmental health research in rural Maine is working to establish the best practices to treat patients exposed to forever chemicals potentially leading the way for practitioners across the nation 2K Surprise Bills Insurers Fight State Laws Restricting Surprise Ambulance Bills A Colorado bill banning surprise billing for ambulance rides passed unanimously in both legislative chambers only to be met with a veto from the governor As more states pass such legislation some are hitting the same snag concerns about raising premiums 3 PBS News Here is the Deal July 29 2025 THE DEEP CONCERN OVER the RFK JUNIOR REPORTED PLANS TO OUST ANOTHER MEDICAL PANEL Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F Kennedy may be making major changes to another influential medical panel of experts Weeks after firing all members of a key vaccine advisory panel Kennedy plans to remove all 16 members of the United States Preventive Services Task Force The Wall Street Journal reported late last week What is the USPSTF? The panel plays a key role in determining what treatments insurers must cover and makes recommendations about care that are followed by doctors across the country That includes cancer and diabetes screenings and other preventative health measures such as HIV and

cholesterol drugs Why is Kennedy planning to oust the panel? People familiar with the situation told the Journal that he views the panel members as too woke There was a swift rebuke The American Medical Association released a letter Sunday expressing deep concern over the Kennedy possible plan to remove USPSTF members Doctor Bobby Mukkamala surgeon and AMA president said this kind of move could have big implications for the health care system especially for the some 100 million privately insured people who get preventative services each year at no cost under requirements of the Affordable Care Act Mukkamala said the current makeup of the panel was doing a good job providing useful recommendations based on science Not knowing what is going to come next is putting the health of patients at risk and the health of this country at risk he said 4 New York Times Climate Forward Newsletter July 29 2025 The Trump impossible energy deal with the European Union E U When the Trump administration reached a trade deal with the European Union this week the tariffs got much of the attention But the agreement also includes a remarkable provision that could more than triple the amount of oil and gas America sells to the European Union Under the trade deal the 27 country bloc says it will buy 250 billion dollars in energy resources from the United States every year through the end of the Trump term That is a huge jump from the 70 billion dollars it now buys mainly in the form of crude oil and liquefied natural gas Analysts say it would be almost impossible to meet that sales target Fossil fuels have shaped American interests abroad for decades But rarely has an American administration used fossil fuel exports so aggressively as a political and economic tool in the energy choices countries make This will strengthen the energy dominance of the United States reduce European reliance on adversarial sources and narrow our trade deficit with the European Union E U the administration said in a fact sheet referring to the European Union E U stated objective to reduce if not eliminate its purchasing of fuel from Russia A deal to buy so much energy from one country flies in the face of the other worry of Europe energy security Europe has been succeeding at weaning itself off Russian gas But the Trump deal could risk locking in dependence on the United States and that is not the only question surrounding the details of the agreement Could Europe even buy that much? No according to energy industry analysts The dollar figure is so far away from what is really possible that it has the hallmarks of something said just to get an agreement over the line The official statistics of the European Union E U show that it imported an estimated 70 billion dollars of oil and gas from the United States and 26 billion dollars from Russia last year So even if the European Union replaced all its Russian imports with American ones which is a tall order on its own given that U S fuels are shipped rather than piped it would not make it halfway to the target of the agreement Europe is also rapidly adding renewable energy infrastructure The countries of the European Union together are the leading importers of Chinese made solar panels and China now sells one in five electric vehicles bought in Europe The European Union has adopted a law to have renewable energy sources make up at least 42 point 5 percent of its energy consumption by 2030 up from a quarter currently Europe is well on its way to independence thanks to the rapid growth of renewables said a former French climate diplomat who now heads the European Climate Foundation an advocacy group It does not need more high price high risk Liquefied Natural Gas LNG There is another hitch It is unlikely that European Union E U political leaders have authority to dictate whom private companies buy energy from The agreement says it could also include the export of American nuclear technology to Europe But analysts said the most promising technologies around a new generation of reactors were still years away from being ready to deploy Could Trump slow down European climate ambitions? It could in two ways First if Europeans end up buying more oil and gas

over the next three years it would **increase European climate pollution** Second U S gas is in **liquefied form and its carbon dioxide emissions are 10 times that of an equivalent volume of piped gas from Russia and elsewhere** That is because more energy is required to liquefy it **transport it** by ship and turn it back into gas The Trump deal could also **bolster the Trump far right political allies in Europe** who have sought to scuttle the European Union E U targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions over time **The European Commission the executive arm of the bloc has proposed reducing the planet warming emissions of the bloc by 90 percent by 2040 compared with 1990 levels** The European Parliament has yet to agree on the proposal This is not just about Europe Fossil fuels were a central focus of the other recently announced trade deals of the United States Japan for instance agreed to invest billions of dollars in the United States including on a major expansion of U S energy imports according to the White House **The Trump administration has been pressuring Japan South Korea and other Asian nations for months to finance a 44 billion dollar liquefied natural gas project in Alaska** The project has been stalled for many years over questions of who will pay for it and whether Asian demand will last long enough into the future to justify it Most liquefied natural gas projects have an estimated life span of 40 to 50 years and countries like Japan and South Korea have pledged to make their economies carbon neutral by 2050

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