

Webisode 57DHXR July 31 2025 Could Kamala Harris run again for the White House? She wrote a book

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1 Another CDC purge underway [RAWSEP View](#) Susan Monarez is not a medical doctor Monarez completed her PhD at the University of Wisconsin Madison in 2003 where her research focused on developing technologies to prevent diagnose and treat infectious diseases particularly those affecting low and middle income countries Her dissertation explored how trypanosome GIP SVSG regulates macrophages during Trypanosoma brucei rhodesiense infection Monarez was a postdoctoral researcher at Stanford University School of Medicine continuing her work in the field of infectious disease research [From the article headline](#) Breaking Another CDC purge underway Multiple members of the Director Advisory Committee terminated without explanation [Excerpts edited for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization](#) Inside Medicine Newsletter July 31 2025 by Jeremy Faust MD At least three members of the CDC Advisory Committee to the Director have been fired Epidemiologist [Doctor Jennifer Nuzzo](#) director of the Pandemic Center at the Brown University School of Public Health announced her termination on LinkedIn but I have also confirmed that there are at least two other members of the committee who have been removed all without justification One of the other terminated members [Doctor Natasha Bagdasarian](#) also posted the news on LinkedIn Doctor Bagdasarian is an infectious diseases and public health expert and is listed as a chief medical executive for the State of Michigan [A third new member confirmed their termination](#) status to me as well but asked not to be named Whether all members of the committee were terminated is not yet known So far the three members who have been terminated were [newly appointed with terms that were supposed to start on July 1 2025](#) This decision was made before the newly appointed CDC Director Susan Monarez was able to take the helm will raise questions about the CDC independence It is the latest purge of external experts who guide CDC policy [In June HHS Secretary Kennedy fired all 17 members of the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices ACIP](#) replacing the august body with a smaller panel of [less qualified](#) allies The CDC Advisory Committee to the Director ADC serves as a transparent mechanism for the government receipt of outside expertise on a variety of public health priorities The idea is that external experts should advise the CDC Director on various matters of national importance The committee is able to provide its input in a public manner In short we want external experts to have the ear of the CDC Director But we also want to know who those people are and what they are saying That is why the committee meetings are public by default According to the committee charter members serve four year terms The charter also requires at least 12 members shall be knowledgeable in areas pertinent to the CDC mission such as public health global health and disparities biomedical research and public health preparedness Three members of the public shall also be appointed by the Secretary and include leaders in fields of innovation public policy public relations law economics or management All non-Federal members shall be deemed Special Government Employees That means that Secretary Kennedy would indeed need to appoint members at some point [But it does not mean he needed to fire anyone](#) Doctor Nuzzo was basically ghosted

2 The extraordinary windfall for oil and gas industries [Excerpts edited for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization](#) The New York Times Climate Forward Newsletter July 31 2025 In 2024 when Donald Trump was running for president he made a bold pitch to oil executives and lobbyists Donate 1 billion dollars to his campaign and they would save more than that in taxes and legal expenses if he took the White House Fossil fuel interests ponied up less than half that much in donations lobbying and advertising during the election Yet Trump has already more than delivered for the oil and gas industry For the fossil fuel donors who bought into the Trump promise the first six months of his second term have delivered a return on investment Here are some of the numbers New and expanded tax breaks 18 billion dollars All told provisions in the Trump domestic policy bill passed this month will save the oil and gas industry roughly 18 billion dollars in new and expanded tax benefits according to the Joint Committee on Taxation which analyzes tax policies for Congress One surprising

measure offered tax breaks worth an estimated 1 point 48 billion dollars for metallurgical coal a type of coal used to make steel that is typically exported Fossil fuel interests are expected to save another 1 point 5 billion dollars because the bill delayed penalties for companies that emit excess methane a powerful greenhouse gas There also could be a fresh influx of business resulting from the Trump trade deal with the European Union The agreement included a pledge from the bloc to buy 250 billion dollars of American energy each year for the rest of the Trump term though hitting those numbers could be almost impossible And the projections do not account for any competitive advantage that oil and gas companies gained when Congress rolled back tens of billions in tax incentives for clean energy investments and electric vehicle purchases Fossil fuel interests also stand to benefit from billions more dollars in general corporate tax breaks like a permanent 20 percent business income deduction that will cost taxpayers an estimated 737 billion dollars All this comes as the Trump administration is rolling back policies to combat climate change including the move this week to revoke the scientific justification for regulating greenhouse gases known as the endangerment finding for Environmental Protection Agency Subsidies over the next decade 190 billion dollars The oil and gas industry has long benefited from favorable tax provisions which could be called the zombies of the U S tax code last year These add up to billions of dollars every year and they have proven resilient even when Democrats are in power These breaks include a 112 year old incentive that allows companies to write off up to 80 percent of the cost of drilling in the first year of operation and a 99 year old provision that allows companies to deduct a percentage of their revenue from their taxable income Senator Bernie Sanders a Vermont independent calculated that oil and gas interests would receive an estimated 190 billion dollars in tax breaks and subsidies over the next 10 years when provisions in the new domestic policy bill are combined with existing tax breaks He has introduced legislation that would repeal these subsidies but if history is any indication it is not likely to get very far The price that matters most 69 dollars and 20 cents Towering over these billion dollar figures in the tax bill is a single number roughly the price of a new video game that matters more than anything else the per barrel price of crude oil which was about 69 dollars and 20 cents at press time If prices fall even lower domestic oil production could flatten or even decline A small drop in oil prices can translate into huge economic impacts for the industry It would take about 71 billion dollars in regulatory relief to counterbalance a 15 dollar drop in the price per barrel of oil CLIMATE DATA Worldwide goal of tripling renewables is off to a slow start At the United Nations climate summit in Dubai in 2023 nearly 200 countries agreed to triple their renewable capacity by 2030 For the first time since the nations began meeting three decades ago the meeting produced a global pact calling for transitioning away from fossil fuels Two years later their national renewable energy targets have increased by just 2 percent in aggregate according to a new analysis from Ember Energy Before the agreement countries planned to roughly double renewables in the same time period Recent estimates show their ambitions have not changed much China is picking up a lot of slack According to the International Energy Agency the Chinese rapid renewables expansion will account for 60 percent of global renewables growth through 2030 Its estimates from October show global renewable capacity growing by 2 point 7 times between 2022 and 2030 THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION Energy Department attacks climate science in contentious report Sea level rise is not accelerating More carbon dioxide in the atmosphere will be good for plant growth The computer models used to predict global warming tend to exaggerate future temperature increases These arguments routinely made by people who reject the scientific consensus on climate change were included in an unusual report issued by the Energy Department on Tuesday The report which is meant to support the Trump sweeping efforts to roll back climate regulations contends that the mainstream scientific view on climate change is too dire and overlooks the positive effects of a warming planet Climate scientists said the 151 page report misrepresented or cherry picked a large body of research on global warming

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