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1 Trump Economy [RAWSEP View](#) The inflation rate is 3 percent and the Social Security increase for 2026 is only 2 point 8 percent [From the article headline](#) [Social Security Announces a 2 point 8 percent Cost of Living Increase for Beneficiaries](#) Recipients including retirees and their spouses as well as those who receive disability benefits and Supplemental Security Income will see the additional benefit starting in January The cost of living adjustment was announced later this year because of the government shutdown [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 October 24 2025 Retirees and other beneficiaries will see a 2 point 8 percent monthly bump in

their Social Security benefits next year to reflect inflation. The Social Security Administration announced the annual cost of living adjustment on Friday after the government shutdown delayed the release of September inflation data for the broader economy. The adjustment known as the COLA will be added in January to the benefits of 75 million Americans a group that includes retirees and their spouses and survivors as well as those who receive disability benefits and Supplemental Security Income. The average monthly benefit amount will increase by about 56 dollars. For seniors much of the increase will go toward health care costs. The health spending burden for people enrolled in Medicare is twice as large as that of other households and it accounted for 13 point 6 percent of total spending in 2022 according to KFF a health care research nonprofit. The dollar amount of the COLA varies according to the benefit level of a person. That means the net increase in benefits will depend on how much the Medicare Part B premium goes up which is deducted from the Social Security benefits of most retirees and covers doctor visits and other outpatient care. The premium for 2026 has not yet been announced but the latest annual report on the Medicare finances from the program that the trustees projected would rise 11 point 6 percent or 21 dollars and cents next year to 206 point 50 dollars per month. If that forecast holds the Part B increase alone will consume nearly half of the COLA awarded to the average beneficiary. For those who receive less Social Security the Part B increase could significantly reduce any boost they would receive from the adjustment. The small inflation adjustment comes at a time when a majority of seniors are financially fragile. A recent study by the National Council on Aging an advocacy group found that 80 percent of Americans ages 60 and over would not have sufficient resources to handle a financial shock such as a divorce a serious health problem or the need to pay for long term care. The study also found a strong link between wealth and life span. The poorest Americans die on average nine years earlier than the wealthiest Americans. Living costs and inflation rates vary considerably around the country and that means a Social Security benefit goes farther in some regions than in others. For example single older adults in good health living in New York City would need an annual income of 30936 dollars to meet their basic needs housing food health care and transportation according to the Elder Index which measures the typical cost of living for older people for every county in the United States. If that same person lived in Birmingham Ala basic living expenses would total 21576 dollars. Housing and health care costs account for much of the difference. Social Security replaces roughly 40 percent of before retirement wages for middle income workers. 42 percent of Americans are on track to maintain their standard of living in retirement workers with access to a workplace 401k plan are twice as likely to be financially ready for retirement. There is a lot of extra costs that high income people tend to shed in retirement compared with low income people she said. Lower income people do not have much budget that they can cut. The COLA formula uses one of the broadest government measures of consumer prices the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers which reflects price changes for a group of goods and services bought by working people. The index numbers for July August and September are averaged to produce the COLA. The COLA for 2026 is roughly in line with those awarded for the past two years after two years of very large increases during and after the pandemic when inflation rates were high. The National Council on Aging offers an online benefits checkup that can be used to search for assistance with the cost of health care food housing and utilities. See more on Social Security Administration.

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percent annual rate in September slightly beating forecasts of Inflation The Guardian Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization The Guardian October 24 2025 Prices continued to rise in September increasing at an annual rate of 3 percent according to the latest government inflation report The September 2025 consumer price index CPI was published approximately two weeks later than usual due to the federal government shutdown which halted all Bureau of Labor Statistics operations Furloughed staff were recalled to prepare the inflation report which the Social Security Administration relies on to calculate an annual cost of living adjustment for benefits Consumer prices increased 0 point 3 percent in September 2025 largely driven by a 4 point 1 percent increase in gasoline prices Forecasts for the report estimated continued increases in inflation with economists predicting a 0 point 4 percent month over month increase and 3 point 1 percent annual increase Consumer prices were up 2 point 9 percent in August 2025 from August 2024 after rising 2 point 7 percent over the same period in June and July The Federal Reserve meets next week and is expected to cut interest rates The Fed cut rates in September the first cut since December amid signs that the hiring is weakening The US added just 22 thousand jobs in August The latest inflation report comes as a recent poll conducted for the Guardian shows a clear majority of Americans report their monthly costs have increased between 100 dollars and 749 dollars compared with last year a customer shops for produce 75 percent of Americans report soaring prices as Trump claims inflation over Read more Trump campaigned on claims he would end inflation and said Starting the day I take the oath of office I will rapidly drive prices down and we will make America affordable again We are going to make it affordable again Late last month Trump told the UN general assembly that inflation has been defeated But inflation remains above pre pandemic levels and the target of the Federal Reserve of 2 percent with The Trump tariffs driving up the cost of many imported items such as furniture appliances and toys At least until the full effect of tariffs is passed through to consumers the inflation rate is more likely to be rising than falling wrote a senior economist with the Center for Economic Policy and Research in a post on what to expect in the September CPI report The problem is compounded insofar as new tariffs are imposed and deportations hit more sectors Barring a major economic downturn it is difficult to envision a scenario where inflation hits the target of the Fed any time soon

3 Trump Economy What is happening with Marjorie Taylor Greene? Why the Maga loyalist has won some Democratic fans Marjorie Taylor Greene The Guardian What is happening with Marjorie Taylor Greene? Why the Maga loyalist has won some Democratic fans She has been a true Maga believer in the past but the Georgia representative has lately shown a streak of independence Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization The Guardian October 19 2025 For years she was one of the Trump most loyal foot soldiers Marjorie Taylor Greene trafficked in racist statements indicated support for executing Democrats and even floated conspiracy theories about Jewish space lasers Beneath a red Make America great again cap she became an instantly recognizable face of the Maga movement Yet in recent months the Georgia congresswoman has surprised friend and foe alike On issues ranging from healthcare to Gaza to the Jeffrey Epstein files she has broken ranks with Republicans and won unlikely fans among Democrats The streak of independence has stirred speculation about her motives and future ambitions Notably Greene has stopped short of directly criticizing Trump himself and has so far avoided incurring the Trump wrath But her willingness to dissent from the party line is all the more

remarkable under a president who notoriously prizes loyalty and punishes critics. I was wrong about Marjorie Taylor Greene was the headline of an Atlanta Journal Constitution article last week who wrote "Maybe it is career suicide or maybe it is leadership" since The Trump return to office the 51 year old has increasingly gone rogue. She was one of just four Republicans to sign on to a discharge petition to release files related to the sex offender Epstein repeatedly dismissed by Trump as a hoax. Speaking at a press conference with the Democratic congressman Ro Khanna she insisted "The truth needs to come out. And the government holds the truth." Greene has been among the most outspoken critics of the stance of the House speaker Mike Johnson during the federal government shutdown arguing that Republicans should be in Washington rather than on indefinite recess and it is they who have the power to end the standoff. She is also siding with Democrats in their drive to continue the pandemic era temporary expansion of Affordable Care Act premium subsidies to help Americans pay for upcoming insurance rate hikes. In a lengthy screed on social media Greene wrote "I am going to go against everyone on this issue because when the tax credits expire this year the insurance premiums of my own adult children for 2026 are going to DOUBLE along with all the wonderful families and hardworking people in my district. It is a battle over the meaning of Maga." Her voting record in Congress is still closely aligned with Trump. But she claims to be staying true to her populist roots by siding with her constituents against the elites' delegate style representation when she does this. Greene voters may be concerned about steep premium increases in health insurance if the subsidies lapse. A retiree who is a Republican said "We have worked all our lives and then prices keep going up. That is not right. We should get a break somewhere." A retired schoolteacher from Calhoun Georgia said of Greene "You know the healthcare system needs overhauling. I am on Medicare and Blue Cross Blue Shield and we are fine with that. But young couples? An electrician from Floyd county Georgia laughed "I like her stirring the pot. Is she crazy? She might be crazy. To some observers Republicans have never been as dedicated to small government as the mythology of Ronald Reagan implies. Greene they argue is in line with the modern Republican economic populism including the Trump thinking. There are certainly many smaller government conservatives but she is far from being a lone wolf here. Others suggest that Greene might have more personal motives for speaking out. She reportedly began to explore the possibility of running for Georgia governor or senator next year only to be knocked back by the White House on the basis of polling that showed her divisiveness would put statewide seats in jeopardy. The executive director of the Lincoln Project an anti-Trump group believes that the newfound willingness of Greene to speak out can be attributed more to a woman scorned than the evolution of human goodness in Marjorie Taylor Greene. He said "They did not want her to run she is getting a pound of flesh. You wanted to put your thumb on me and thought I would just play the loyal soldier? Well I am going to defy you on some key things like the Epstein files or healthcare and Medicaid. Yet Greene has been careful to continue expressing support for Trump. She has avoided so far at least an insult laden rebuke on social media that could spell the beginning of the end of her career as for so many Republicans during the Trump first term. Her stance could embolden other Republicans to carefully test the boundaries of dissent. The Maine senator Susan Collins has criticized the Trump handling of the shutdown and taken aim at the budget director Russ Vought for permanently laying off thousands of federal workers. The Texas senator Ted Cruz recently compared comments from the Federal Communications Commission chair Brendan Carr who hinted at punitive measures against broadcasters to mafia tactics. Beyond Capitol Hill the Oklahoma governor Kevin Stitt told said that he opposed the Trump move to send Texas national guard troops to Illinois as a violation of the rights of

states And the Utah governor Spencer Cox condemned the Trump cancellation of the biggest solar project in North America The question is when and under what conditions do Republicans completely deviate from the Trump agenda and oppose Trump in a way that lasts for more than a week or two?

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The Plaid Party which usually advocates for Welsh independence from the United Kingdom won the election with Reform second and Labor third. What can the United States Democratic Party learn from the Labor loss in the UK? Were the returns only indicative of the great wish of Wales to be independent? At least Reform was second not first! **From the article headline** Plaid wins by election as Labor loses 100 year grip on Caerphilly **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization** BBC October 24 2025 3 hours ago Photo of Lindsay Whittle hugs Plaid Cymru Senedd member Heledd Fychan on the steps of the Welsh Parliament building Plaid leader Rhun ap Iorweth can be seen clapping on the left hand side of the picture Plaid Cymru Senedd members and activists welcomed Lindsay Whittle to Cardiff Bay on Friday **Labor suffered its first parliamentary defeat in Caerphilly for 100 years** as Plaid Cymru claimed victory in the Welsh Parliament by election. The Nigel Farage Reform Party pledged to throw everything at the campaign but its candidate Llŷr Powell could only finish second to the Plaid Lindsay Whittle who took 47 percent of the vote with a majority of 3848. The result saw a swing of 27 percent from Labor which has held the seat in Westminster since the 1920s and in the Senedd since it began at the turn of the century. Plaid Cymru which celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding over the summer is seen as being on the center left of Welsh politics. Achieving Welsh independence has long been an article of faith for activists. But ap Iorweth is downplaying independence for now promising a plan but not in the first term of any Plaid led government. Four big questions from the Caerphilly by election result **Labor sees 100 years of history come crashing down** as Plaid wins big. Labor First Minister Eluned Morgan told BBC Wales she had spoken to Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer on Friday morning and said he understood he has a responsibility to help us out in Wales following the humiliation of the Labor Party. She admitted it was a bad result for Labor but insisted she would not resign. Turnout was just over 50 percent which is higher than the 2021 44 percent in Caerphilly compared to the national average for a Senedd vote which has never been over 50 percent. **Reform** won only 495 votes four years ago but found itself in a battle with Plaid Cymru coming **second** with **36 percent of the vote**. Richard Tunncliffe of Labor won just 11 percent of the vote and came third. The constituency was visited by a series of senior figures from the party in the last few days including **Farage who campaigned in Caerphilly on Thursday**. Despite the result Llŷr Powell said he thought Reform would form the next Welsh government. On Friday Farage predicted the May 2026 Senedd election would be a two horse race between Reform UK and Plaid Cymru. The total collapse of the Labor vote to Plaid was to a party that people know well and to a popular local politician he wrote on social media. Llŷr Powell was the Reform candidate for the by election and finished second. Labor had held Caerphilly since the National Assembly as the Welsh Parliament or Senedd was then called opened in 1999. U The result leaves the party two seats short of a majority making it harder for it to govern ahead of a crucial vote on its budget in January. It has already begun talks with opposition leaders in an effort to work out how it can get through its spending plans on the NHS education and other services. Morgan congratulated the Plaid Cymru candidate and said the by election was held in the toughest of circumstances and in the midst of difficult headwinds nationally. She said Labor had heard the frustration on doorsteps and insisted the party was listening we are learning the lessons and we will be come back stronger. Whatever happens next Caerphilly has written itself into the pages of Welsh political history as **100 years of Labor rule came crashing down**. We are about to find out if this result is an eye opening anomaly or a genuinely new chapter.

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6 Ukraine Estonia **A Tiny NATO Nation Is Cashing In on the Threat Next Door The New York Times** Estonia A Tiny NATO Nation Is Cashing In on the Threat Next Door As fears about Russia grow the Estonia tech savvy work force is developing new weapons and defense systems **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 October 24 2025 A few days after Russian jets breached Estonian airspace for 12 tense minutes last month an Estonian man stood in an office overlooking the Tallinn airport slapping a prototype of a miniature missile into his palm The missile named the Mark 1 was developed last year to shoot down enemy drones at short range and is awaiting its debut on the global weapons market The chief executive of its manufacturer Frankenburg Technologies hopes it will fill a gap in the European air defenses against Russia The 2 foot long missile is part of a boom in the Estonian defense industry that the government is banking on to lift its lagging economy The effort is rooted in the Estonian deep seated national anxiety over the Russian invasion of Ukraine and worries that it could be the next target of Putin If we invest into new defense companies they will offer high value in the Estonian economy the minister of economy and industry told reporters last month in Tallinn The investment also provides he said reassurance that Estonia is well protected Officials in Estonia a former Soviet state that borders Russia have for years worried aloud that their country too could be invaded if the war in Ukraine cools and Moscow has time to rebuild its military Putin has long said he wants to stop the NATO expansion into countries Russia considers part of its sphere especially those that were part of the Soviet Union Two years ago the city of Tartu Estonia built underground emergency shelters to protect 40000 people and wants to expand them Navigation systems for planes flying in and out of the local airport have mysteriously jammed likely by Russia But he said the result of the 12 minute incursion of Estonian airspace by Russian jets in September which ended with NATO jets escorting them back into Russian territory showed us very clearly that NATO deterrence is working Our people know what kind of regime Russia has but it is safe in Tartu Even with an aggressive neighbor

7 Ukraine Europe **European Persistence in Supporting Ukraine Is Bearing Fruit The New York Times** The Persistence of Europe in Supporting Ukraine Is Bearing Fruit European leaders want to build on the Trump sanctions on Russia with new commitments of financial and military support for Kyiv **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 October 24 2025 No one can know how long the Trump pique with Putin of Russia will last this time But the past few days have been an important signal that European persistence in its support for Ukraine has paid off at least for now The Trump decision to impose sanctions on two of the largest oil companies in Russia Lukoil and Rosneft will have a significant impact on Russian income over time Europe added its own new sanctions on Thursday and committed to funding the Ukraine financial and military needs for the next two years An innovative but controversial proposal to use frozen Russian assets as the basis for a large new loan to Ukraine was blocked for now by Belgian concerns about liability But the bloc will continue to work to find agreement on it Otherwise meeting the funding pledge made Thursday night would badly strain

already indebted national budgets. Even if the bloc finds the money questions remain about whether these efforts will be enough to sustain the Ukraine uneven fight against Russia. And analysts say they will do little to persuade Putin to stop the war in Ukraine or even agree to a rapid cease fire as Trump demands. But the sanctions put substance behind the European commitment to helping Ukraine stand up to Russia ideally with or if necessary without Trump at their side. The European leaders can also feel some satisfaction that their repeated interventions with Trump on behalf of Ukraine have finally produced at least some American pressure on Moscow. They insist that they will support Ukraine for as long as required to ensure its survival as an independent state though any real strategy for ending the war is certain to require serious American pressure on Russia. After The Trump decision to seek no new funding for Ukraine the Europeans are struggling to find the money to back up their commitment when their own national budgets are badly stretched. A leader of the Center for a New American Security suggested that the Putin manipulations and European persistence had helped Trump to finally impose some pain on Russia. Putin will not be moved toward peace by charm rapport or skillful deal making. Trump may now understand that and that supporting Ukraine and pressuring Russia is a better path toward ending this terrible war. Trump has a history of reversing himself. Doubts inevitably persist that Putin will respond as hoped to the sanctions or even strikes inside Russia.

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advance of the World Trade Organization protests in 2011 teach ins became a central component of the Occupy Wall Street movement Teach ins move beyond soundbites slogans and chants they challenge attenders to dive into nuanced conversations It will also model an alternative to the debate me bro culture that defines so much of political life in the US today showing that activism works best when it is not about scoring rhetorical points but rather deepening our understanding of the issues and nation we seek to shape What is powerful about the Smithsonian is that literally it stands on its own and metaphorically speaks for itself From the original star spangled banner to the Lincoln top hat to a stool in a Greensboro lunch counter to the Archie Bunker chair these relics make America Defending museums is about more than preserving nostalgia It is about protecting what was what is and what could be

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