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1 She Studied the Health Effects of Wildfires **RAWSEP View** The health effects of wildfire wood burning are the same adverse health effects as indoor residential wood burning and industrial wood burning **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 8 2025 Lost Science Series Has Your Scientific Work Been Cut? We Want to Hear Marina Vance had an EPA grant to help homeowners counter the impact of wildfire smoke until the agency deemed the research no longer consistent with its priorities Lost Science is an ongoing series of accounts from scientists who have lost their jobs or funding after cuts by the Trump administration The conversations have been edited for clarity and length Here is why we are doing this Marina Vance I have been working on air quality since I was an undergraduate student in Brazil for more than 20 years I was at Virginia Tech for eight years for my PhD and as a postdoctoral researcher and then I came to the University of Colorado in 2016 Growing up in Brazil I am from an island in a very humid place Wildfires are not big where I am from at all And then living in Virginia I was not exposed to them either I remember my first summer here in Colorado From the window of the townhouse I rented I could see a plume of smoke from a fire burning in the Flatiron Mountains When I stepped out of my townhouse I could see that plume far away and I could smell the smoke And I thought This is really important I got a grant for 549 thousand dollars to study wildfires I was inspired by the movie Twister scientists collecting samples out into the real world The idea was to hunt the wildfire wherever it might be We wanted to be in a place where folks would be sheltering in their homes If there is a wildfire you are going into your home and you are going close all the doors and the windows The walls the windows and the doors in houses act like a filter But there is very little data saying what happens to the distribution of particle sizes as they penetrate a home The size of a particle dictates where it ends up The particles that are really small stick to some surface so they are gone from the air The particles that are really big are more likely to settle through gravity

And then you have these particles that are in between hundreds of nanometers in size that stay suspended in air longer. They are more likely to be inhaled. So we were thinking about finding these homes measuring particulate matter indoors and outdoors. We were going to develop interventions that were cheap and easy for people to use portable air cleaners that sort of thing. The grant was to be spent in three years. The plan was to do the research until August 2026. I recruited this fantastic new student to be the new PhD student for this project. Her first real deployment which turned out to be the only one was the Elk Fire in Wyoming in September 2024. We rented a house and she drove about six hours to get there. She was able to sample the air in the house indoors and outdoors. If we deploy an air cleaner in this room how well will it do with the wildfire smoke? She was looking into all of that and it was looking very promising. On April 24 I was checking emails over breakfast and there was an email from the EPA. It said Attached is your termination of award from the US EPA. It was just one pdf file. It said The objectives of the award are no longer consistent with EPA funding priorities. I had to return roughly 360 thousand dollars. I cannot imagine something more related to the EPA mission than understanding wildfires and protecting people in their homes. That to me is frustrating and confusing. This is the kind of research that can have direct and immediate impact not 10 or 20 years in the future but this year when the next wildfire hits. Marina Vance is an environmental engineer at the University of Colorado.

2 Analysis of the Trump top 25 lies of 2025 Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization

CNN December 27 2025 Did you hear the one about how Trump secured 17 trillion dollars or 18 trillion dollars in investment? You probably did if you watched even a few Trump speeches or interviews. Same with the one about how consumer prices have fallen this year. Here is our highly subjective list of The Trump top 25 lies of 2025.

- 1 Inflation tariffs and the economy 1 Lie Trump secured 17 trillion dollars or 18 trillion dollars in investment in 2025. The president who loves big numbers even if they are fake had a fictional figure he cited in speech after speech. It did not help The Trump case that the website of the White House said at the time that it was actually 8 point 8 trillion dollars and even that figure was wildly inflated but he proceeded to increase his claim to 18 trillion dollars even though the website still had it under 10 trillion dollars.
- 2 Lie Every price is down. Trump lied even about subjects that everyday people could themselves see he was lying about. He claimed in the fall that there was no inflation though there was inflation; that every price is down though prices were up on thousands of products; that grocery prices were way down though they were up; and that beef was the only grocery item that had gotten more expensive though there were dozens of others. Polls showed most Americans were not buying his assertions.
- 3 Lie Trump was reducing prescription drug prices by 2 thousand percent 3 thousand percent! Trump could have simply touted real less than 1 hundred percent price reductions on some drugs.
- 4 Lie Foreign countries pay the tariffs of the US government.
- 9 Foreign affairs 9 Lie Ukraine started the Russian war on Ukraine. Trump showed a penchant for fake history rewriting the facts around everything from the Great Depression to his own past. Perhaps his most egregious examples were about The Russian war on Ukraine. He later inaccurately minimized the heroism of Ukrainians in repelling The Russian 2022 assault.
- 10 Lie Trump was speaking in jest when he promised to immediately end the Ukraine war. As anyone who watched his 2024 campaign rallies could tell you Trump ran on a serious promise to end the war in Ukraine either within 24 hours of his return to the White House or as president elect.
- 16 Lie The people of Canada like the idea of becoming the 51st US state. Polls found the idea was wildly unpopular with the people of Canada opposed by somewhere around 9 in

10 adults **18** Lie Critical media coverage of Trump is illegal Trump so regularly claimed that critical coverage by news outlets of him is illegal that these accusations were not treated as news by most outlets It is worth noting that The Trump claim is a lie **19** Lie Trump did not pressure the Justice Department to go after his opponents **20** Lie Obama Biden and Comey made up the Epstein files **21** Lie The 2020 election was rigged and stolen One of The Trump biggest lies of 2025 was also one of his biggest lies of 2020 and 2021 2022 2023 and 2024 Months after his triumphant return to the White House he continued to relentlessly push nonsense about his defeat in 2020 wrongly saying the election was rigged and stolen though it was free and fair and that this has now been caught though all that has been caught is the baselessness of such claims **22** Lie The US is the only country in the world with mail in voting Dozens of other countries use mail in voting including Canada the United Kingdom Germany Australia and Switzerland **23** Health care legislation and Democrats **23** Lie Babies get 80 plus vaccines at once Few political lies are as potentially harmful as lies about vaccines and Trump delivered a flurry of those too Making up numbers again he falsely claimed in September that you have a little child a little fragile child and you get a vat of 80 different vaccines I guess 80 different blends and they pump it in He falsely claimed in October You give 82 vaccines in a shot to a little baby that has not even formed yet Babies do not get 80 or 82 different vaccines in total let alone all at once and different vaccines are not mixed together in a vat **24** Lie The Trump big domestic policy bill did not change Medicaid The bill made major changes to Medicaid rules reduced federal funding for the program by hundreds of billions of dollars and was expected by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office to result in millions more people being uninsured in 2034 **25** Lie The domestic policy bill was the single most popular bill ever signed As with prices Trump portrayed up as down on his poll numbers Multiple polls showed that the big domestic policy bill was highly unpopular more unpopular than any major bill passed in more than 30 years

3 Not Your Last Trump Quiz **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 December 26 2025 Heck of a time we have had right? Time to see how much you remember about a year that began with Trump and ended with Trump 7 of 14 RFK Junior has continued to make news as the secretary for health and human services particularly when it comes to opposing shots for children A close ally Del Bigtree told the nation that God is against vaccines 14 of 14 One bit of good news in 2025 No hurricanes made landfall in the United States This gives us an opportunity to recall the time in 2018 when Hurricane Florence battered the Carolinas with Trump calling it one of the wettest we have ever seen from the standpoint of water

4 Inflatable frogs and Disney Plus cancellations nine innovative ways Americans protested against Trump in 2025 **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian December 27 2025 Historically when organizers have used tactical innovation movement activity has peaked Huge cuts to healthcare science and the US program against hunger Immigrants dragged from cars and courthouse hallways Rising authoritarianism corruption and behavior against democracy These are just some of the reasons pushback against the Trump administration is growing with each passing day While traditional marches such as the massive No Kings protests are a critical part of any resistance movement a sociologist has shown how tactical innovation the introduction of creative or novel protest methods

was a key part of the success of the civil rights movement in the US. Historically when organizers established new tactics movement activity peaked. 2025 has seen a torrent of new innovative and highly effective protest tactics employed against Donald Trump and his administration. **2** Inflatable frogs: The Portland Frog Brigade is a group of activists who don inflatable frog costumes. The whimsical inflatables are an approach known as tactical frivolity, a form of protest designed to underscore the ridiculousness of the overreaction from police or other militarized forces. **4** Tesla Takedown: Elon Musk once extolled the evils of the fossil fuel industry but his increased involvement in rightwing politics and Doge cuts and layoffs turned the richest person on Earth into a supervillain for a coalition of climate activists, fired federal workers and advocates against Trump. Since February the hashtag Tesla Takedown grassroots movement has included thousands of protesters outside various showrooms around the US, former fans selling their Teslas, scores of Anti Elon Tesla Club and I Bought This Before We Knew Elon Was Crazy bumper stickers and others dumping their stock in an effort to materially affect Musk and challenge his political influence. By the end of May Musk formally ended his role as a special government employee last month and Tesla US sales reached a new low. **5** Unsubscribing from Disney plus: After Disney pulled the Jimmy Kimmel ABC late night show indefinitely on 17 September after encouragement by the Federal Communications Commission chair over comments the host made related to the conservative activist the Kirk death the backlash was swift. Activists and influencers showed people how to cancel their Disney plus subscriptions via video instructions and screenshots which helped lead to about 3 million Americans canceling Disney+; Hulu had around 4 point 1million cancellations. Disney adults were activated to speak out and cancel upcoming trips all of which influenced the ABC decision to reinstate Kimmel on September 23 2025.

5 Science and Health: Soak it up everything science taught us about health and wellness in 2025. **RAWSEP View**: Drink coffee only in the morning not the afternoon! Eat fruit! Gargle with pickle juice to stop a charley horse! **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization**. The Guardian December 28 2025: The best advice for living a healthy life like eat your vegetables and get a good sleep overnight never really changes. Other advice such as how much protein you should be eating or how to maximize workouts seem to change every year. But as we wonder whether we should really give sauerkraut another go **RAWSEP advises** you rinse the sauerkraut well before eating to reduce sodium. Science marches on making tiny strides towards improving our understanding of what is helpful. **1** Cold after training is probably bad: when young athletes plunged one leg into chilly water after a resistance workout it reduced blood flow and the delivery of amino acids which would actually stunt rather than promote muscle growth. **2** Beet juice is good again: You could also try nitrate rich alternatives such as spinach. **3** Exercise seems to help with internet addiction: increased use of shortform video and scrolling interfaces are associated with poorer cognition reduced attention and more stress. physical activity might help to quit: exercise interventions reduced internet addiction and improved the psychological symptoms of college students suffering from it. The open motor skills you use when you are forced to make quick decisions are more effective than closed ones such as lifting weights or swimming laps. **4** Gargling with pickle juice can stop cramps after sports activities: Sportspeople have been gugging pickle juice for a while. It is a source of electrolytes sodium and potassium in particular but the effect against cramps seems to come from the sour taste which stimulates reflex signals that make muscles relax. The good news is that you do not even need to drink the juice for it to do the job swilling it

around in your mouth can work with a previous study suggesting it can take effect in 35 seconds **5**

Eating more fruit might protect your lungs from pollution It is not ideal that 90 percent of the global population is exposed to air pollution levels that exceed WHO guidelines If you are looking to offset the effects of dirty air new research suggests that diet could offer a backup A study out in September using UK Biobank data from about 2 hundred thousand people found that a healthy diet is linked to better lung function regardless of air pollution exposure and that women who ate four or more portions of fruit a day appeared to have smaller reductions in lung function associated with air pollution than those who ate less This may be partly explained by the compounds against oxidant and inflammation These could help mitigate oxidative stress compounds caused by fine particles potentially offsetting some of the harmful effects Write to your Member of Parliament MP but have an apple in the meantime **6**

Sitting for hours is not good for your brain Bad news if you are a fan of front loading your daily exercise – staying sedentary for hours is associated with neurodegeneration as you age even if your physical activity levels are high more sedentary time is associated with worse executive function memory and cognitive function Going on your phone before soccer might possibly ruin your game When a group of teenage athletes went on social media before training their attack efficiency at soccer diminished so being too online can actually harm concentration before a match **7**

being dehydrated might make you more stressed Got a few horrible days in the office coming up? It might be time to invest in one of those big water jugs In a study published in the Journal of Applied Physiology in September volunteers were labelled as low fluid if they drank less than 1 point 5 liters of fluid per day or high fluid if they regularly met the daily water intake recommendations 2 liters for women and 2 point 5 liters for men Then they took the Trier Social Stress test a way of provoking anxiety in subjects by putting them through a mock job interview and mental arithmetic questions The low fluid group less than 1 point 5 liters of fluid per day which is less than 6 point 34 cups of fluid per day showed a cortisol response to stress more than 50 percent higher than those who met daily water intake recommendations which could over the long term be harmful to health **8**

Drinking coffee helps your heart if you do it in the morning If you have not already been browbeaten into not drinking coffee after 1pm by the sleep optimization lobby there is one more reason to keep your mochas for the morning it seems to be better for heart health Analysis of more than 40000 adults published in January found that morning coffee drinkers were 31 percent less likely to die from cardiovascular disease during a 10 year follow up period than those who went without but there was no significant reduction in mortality for all day drinkers compared with those who avoided coffee There was already research to suggest that up to three cups of coffee a day can help heart health but it is unclear why the effect disappears for afternoon drinks

6 Electric Vehicles Clean Energy Before Electric Vehicles Became Political There Was the Toyota Prius The political polarization of battery powered cars may have started when Toyota released its first hybrid model 25 years ago The marketing for the Toyota Prius may have inadvertently started the culture war around hybrid and electric vehicles by characterizing them as a way to save the planet some experts say **RAWSEP View** A Republican with initials RL explains that electric vehicles are superior to gas fueled vehicles and should be purchased by Republicans and Democrats alike not only because they are good for the environment Hybrids are more acceptable now with both US parties but Electric Vehicles are better for the environment **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 Dec 27 In a different world an electric vehicle would be just

another car. But in the hyper partisan climate of today battery powered cars carry not just passengers but a punishing load of political and cultural baggage. Supporters may view electric cars as heroes helping halt climate change or making American automakers more competitive around the world. But others see in them the heavy hand of government pressuring consumers to ditch gasoline whether they are ready to or not. Throw in Elon Musk and his highly charged social media commentary and even loyalists of his car company Tesla may no longer know whom or what to believe in. EVs have become such a partisan thing that they are not defined as cars said a Republican strategist who leads the EV Politics Project and EVs for All America which aim to make electric cars less political. It is like we are having political fights over toasters. To industry experts the seeds of this poisonous debate may have been planted inadvertently 25 years ago with a humble shoe box shaped sedan the Toyota Prius. The groundbreaking 2001 Prius kicked off an era of gas electric hybrids and built the Toyota reputation as the global leader in green cars. RL the Republican said Toyota had used marketing that implied that buying a Prius was a way to save the planet. That excited liberals but drew a strong backlash from people less attuned to environmental issues. Nissan made a similar choice with the Leaf its electric vehicle in 2010 he said. In one Nissan TV ad a polar bear hugged a Leaf owner. Climate should not be polarized but in America it is said RL the Republican who worked for Arnold Schwarzenegger and Mitt Romney. So when you market vehicles for green virtues others see it as pushy dogma. Then you are stuck in politics. Imported from Japan the 2001 Prius arrived when many Americans were switching to sport utility vehicles. Average fuel economy for the 2001 model year had fallen to a 21 year low at 20 point 4 miles per gallon. The Prius came bearing a green olive branch; federal testing showed that it could travel 48 miles per gallon. A woman with the initials MO bought one of the first Priuses. Later as an official at the Environmental Protection Agency she would become the chief architect of fuel economy standards enacted under the Obama administration in 2010. The Prius was just this cool little car to save you money and protect us from air pollution MO said. The government did not ask for or require Toyota to develop this tech. It was not seen as a mandate as EVs later were. Unlike electric vehicles which use no gasoline MO said the hybrid Toyota should have been less threatening to industries like oil and ethanol or to consumers. Even so some critics attacked Prius fans for engaging in virtue signaling being hypocritical or wanting to impose nanny state policies. In 2001 an article in a car magazine praised the engineering of the Prius but noted that its testers managed to get only 35 miles per gallon. Toyota played up testimonials from stars who publicly adopted the Prius. Sales boomed from 5 thousand 500 in 2001 to a peak of 236 thousand in 2012. Red carpet appearances helped make the Prius a hit but at a lingering cost. To some hybrids and electric cars became vehicles for coastal liberals and those who want to do good not mainstream Americans. In 2006 South Park called hybrids the leading cause of smug in the nation. But if the Prius attracted gibes the Chevrolet Volt became a certified punching bag. Chevrolet Volt became closely tied to the federal government efforts to save General Motors in the minds of many people. That model a plug in hybrid sedan won top car awards. It also became inextricably linked to federal aid for General Motors. To some the Volt was a four wheeled symbol for Government Motors or Obama Motors. President Barack Obama sat in a Volt at its Detroit factory in 2010 and said he would buy one after he left office. Obama and his EPA also sought to double the fuel economy of the average new car to about 50 miles per gallon. Politicians assailed the Volt as a socialist scheme to force Americans into electric cars. Representative Darrell Issa Republican of California accused the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of conspiring to hide a Volt defect. I am a free enterprise guy Issa

said And the Volt insults a lot of us with being a demo project funded by edict RL a Republican a former Marine fighter pilot and the outspoken vice chairman of GM who once derided global warming publicly defended the car The problem with conservatives is getting them to accept that an electric car is not necessarily a left wing environmental plot RL a Republican said in 2012 before Obama was reelected We will probably see the Volt as a political football through November and then it will go away If only Electric vehicles became even more political as Tesla began its rise with the release of the Model S in 2012 Though Musk the chief executive of Tesla is now a conservative star many on the right previously attacked his company for earning billions by selling climate credits to other automakers a windfall enabled by government policy The company also received a federal loan which it paid back early course many businesses receive government support Oil and gas companies enjoy many tax breaks some going back decades RL the Republican now retired said he knew many staunch Republicans who drove and loved electric cars The end of federal policies to encourage their sales and discourage the use of gasoline he said can ease some objections Shorter charging times he said more than politics may persuade more drivers to choose electric cars EVs will progress more slowly now but they will just continue to gain market share until they are by far the dominant technology he said RL the Republican aged 93 owns a pair of electric Cadillacs the Lyriq and the Escalade IQ He recently got a Corvette ZR1 a gasoline sports car with 1064 horsepower and a 233 mile per hour top speed Yet RL the Republican believes internal combustion engines after 120 years of development have nearly reached their technical peak Electric cars are just getting started When you drive them there is just no contest he said They are better they are faster they are quieter with fewer moving parts In a bitter turn for Toyota The Tesla ascent turned the Japanese company once an environmental hero into an ostensible villain Toyota Ms MO noted lobbied against pro electric vehicle policies in several countries Now as sales of electric cars have cooled Toyota and its hybrids are back in vogue Other automakers are rushing to offer more hybrids and Hybrids are rarely attacked by politicians or in popular culture With political temperatures hot enough to fry a battery RL the Republican said he advised automakers to not tout environmental benefits of electric cars because people either know about them or do not base buying decisions on them Automakers should instead lead with the zesty performance of the Electric model hushed interiors energy savings easy maintenance or new technology These cars can win a fair fight as vehicles for most people he said In the November survey by the group of RL the Republican of the public views about electric vehicles 48 percent of people who identified themselves as Republicans held an unfavorable view of these cars versus 22 percent of independents and 14 percent of Democrats Conservative opposition has softened somewhat RL the Republican said He added that 40 percent of respondents identified as Republican So if automakers cannot crack the Republican consumer market he said EVs will never become as big as we need

7 Resistance to Trump At Protests Lots of Boomers Few Young People Why? A guest essay offered several possible explanations Young and older readers offer their own Letters to the editor 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 Dec 27 2025
Photo of A group of older adults protest with a flag sign that says We the People Letter To the Editor Regarding Where Are the Young People in the Fight for Democracy? by Brendan Nyhan Opinion guest essay November 30 2025 Professor Nyhan was correct to point out the generational factor in the No Kings movement I attended two No Kings rallies where my own boomer generation was dominant I

would suggest a reason for the age disparity not mentioned by Professor Nyhan. He noted that young people protested more vigorously against specific wrongs while No Kings was about something more general: the degradation of our democracy and the loss of our moral standing under President Trump. I do not think younger people feel this degradation as keenly as boomers. We grew up proud of our country and what it stood for. Many of our fathers had served in World War 2. We thought of the US as the country that freed Europe from Nazi despotism and cruelty. When I say we I mean largely white middle class kids like me and of course as children we were naïve about many things including the shortcomings of the US. Vietnam and Watergate disabused us of some of that naïve faith but most of us never lost the idea that there was something special about the US in a moral sense. I do not think succeeding generations were brought up that way and perhaps they have a more realistic view that the US is no better or worse than other countries. What Mister Trump has done and what he represents seem to many boomers like a repudiation of everything we grew up believing in. PS West Orange Virginia Letter To the Editor I was one of the young people who attended the No Kings protest in October. I was dragged there by one of my more politically motivated friends. It is not that I do not despise President Trump and what he is doing to our country. It just feels hopeless. a part of me asks Why protest if we are going to be ignored anyway? KX New York Letter To the Editor Most of Gen Z have grown up with a steady diet of social media that focus on short visual clips. Events like the abandonment of the sciences and institutions of higher learning do not have the same visual impact. Many boomers like me see the threat to democracy and react by protesting not just for our generation but more important for the Gen Z and generations to follow. PD Eastham Massachusetts Letter To the Editor on campus chapters of Democracy Matters tells a different story. An upsurge of students especially the fall freshman class has embraced activism for democracy while not yet joining off campus protests in large numbers. JDM New Paltz New York Letter To the Editor Gen Z are the least knowledgeable of any existing generation in American civics history and politics. Starved of a critical knowledge base they lack a critical context. For Gen Z the Trump outrageous conduct and that of his Republican enablers are the only political behavior they have ever known. TGK Pasadena California Letter To the Editor In addition to the fear of arrest or harassment young people also bear disproportionate risk to their livelihoods by being at these protests. The modern workplace expects an enormous degree of political camouflage for any young person who wants to stay employed. I have been asked to explain my presence in a picture of a protest that I attended in 2017. For many of us being present at one of these protests would mean sacrificing our only income in a hostile economy.

8A United Kingdom Far Right Nigel Farage an ally of Trump Nigel Farage Of course he abused pupils. an ex Dulwich teacher speaks out about Farage racism claims Photo of Chloe Deakin then a young English teacher taking part in a Dulwich college charity fundraising event in 1981. Chloë Deakin tells how she wrote to Dulwich college master to argue against the Farage nomination as a student prefect at her school. Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and

relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization The Guardian December 28 2025 It was 1981 and Nigel Farage was turning 17. He was already a figure of some controversy as would become a lifelong habit among the younger pupils and staff at Dulwich college in south east London. I remember it was either in a particular English lesson or a particular form period that his name came up said Chloë Deakin then a young English teacher of a discussion with a class of 11 and 12 year olds. There was something about bullying and he was being

referred to quite specifically as a bully. And I thought Who is this boy? Deakin conferred with colleagues in the staff room who corroborated accounts of harassment of fellow pupils and of the Farage apparent fascination with the far right including claims that he had been goose stepping on combined cadet force marches. But initially I had heard it from boys she said. I was shocked to hear that this Dulwich boy was apparently getting away with this kind of behavior at cadet camp et cetera and I thought This is seriously out of order. It is horrible. Despite the chatter in the playground and staffroom Farage was put on a draft list of prefects by the headteacher David Emms and his deputy Terry Walsh. There was a meeting where strong views were aired though Emms and Walsh were of the opinion that Farage was naughty rather than being a malevolent racist. So when I heard that the Farage name was on the finalized prefect list I was appalled and that was why I wrote independently to Emms because I felt strongly about it and I still do. Deakin recalled. The Deakin letter of June 1981 first revealed on television in a report in 2013 is uncompromising. She has never spoken before of this episode with the letter written after Farage turned 17 emerging only as a result of her having given a copy of it to a senior teacher at the time as was the practice at the school. She wrote You will recall that at the recent and lengthy meeting about the selection of prefects the remark by a colleague that Farage was a fascist but that was no reason why he would not make a good prefect invoked considerable reaction from members of the staff common room. Another colleague who teaches the boy described his publicly professed racist and neo fascist views and he cited a particular incident in which Farage was so offensive to a boy in his set that he had to be removed from his lesson ... Yet another colleague described how at a combined cadet force camp organized by the college Farage and others had marched through a quiet Sussex village very late at night shouting Hitler Youth songs; and when it was suggested by a master that boys who expressed such views do not really mean them. The college chaplain himself commented that on the contrary in his experience views of that kind expressed by boys of that age are deep seated and they mean it. The letter concluded You will appreciate that I regard this as a very serious matter. I have often heard you tell our senior boys that they are the future leaders of the UK. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that these leaders are enlightened and compassionate. Some commentators have argued that pressing current issues such as ensuring that Jews and others can live safely in our communities are more important than the events of the Farage school days some forty odd years ago. Of course current issues do need addressing urgently. But we should also remember that the small seeds of large issues find space to grow and flourish wherever prejudice discrimination victimization and persecution are permitted to go unchallenged.

8B United Kingdom Far Right Nigel Farage an ally of Trump Nazi salutes and racism the allegations about the Nigel Farage school days a podcast This article is more than 1 month old Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization The Guardian November 20 2025 Former pupils at Dulwich College have made shocking claims about the behavior of the Reform leader at school which he denies. But 40 years ago a critic of Nigel Farage was a nervous boy starting out at Dulwich College in South London. I was 13. I had come from a fairly small school into this slightly intimidating kind of gothic structure. That was huge. He loved performing and soon found his niche in drama. But one boy shocked him Nigel Farage. Once he found out I was Jewish you know that was it I have this incredibly clear memory of him persistently heckling and hectoring me as a Jew. He would kind of come up to me wherever we were. Might be in the classroom. It might be in the school grounds. And he would

say things like Hitler was right and Gas them and ss the sound of gas escaping basically It has made him watch with growing anxiety the rise of Farage And he is not alone in his claims that Farage made antisemitic statements and used racist language at school says a reporter Over the years Farage has denied that he was racist and antisemitic at school The former schoolboy says Being prime minister is not any job You can change a country you can change a culture The people deserve to know absolutely as much as possible about you about your character and that is what we set out to look at

8C United Kingdom Far Right Nigel Farage an ally of Trump US capitalism casts millions of citizens aside yet Badenoch and Farage still laud it Rightwing parties want to follow in the US footsteps of minimal government intervention but at what cost? Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization The Guardian December 27 2025 RAWSEP View This is sometimes a Satirical View from the United Kingdom From the satirical portion of the article excerpt Next month Donald Trump will welcome a poverty stricken family to peruse his plans for a 300 million dollar glitzy state ballroom in the White House The event will be staged as part of National Poverty in America Awareness Month the time every year when charities document the number of US residents surviving on low incomes RAWSEP View The article excerpt goes back to US Reality Of course the president will do no such thing preferring to summon the press to watch him rub shoulders with the billionaire class as he did at the November 2025 black tie dinner for the Saudi ruler and his entourage Trump can be expected to ignore calls for policies to reduce poverty and to dismiss the annual awareness campaign leaving him unencumbered by any guilt that past presidents might have felt looking in the mirror and seeing Louis the Fourteenth staring back at them US poverty levels matter in the UK and across continental Europe because the rising level of poverty in the States a trend that dates back to the turn of the century is the direct result of a particular form of capitalism that increasingly popular rightwing parties say should be adopted The Nigel Farage Reform UK and the Kemi Badenoch Conservatives laud the US but seem to care little about how it promotes a style of capitalism that leaves millions of people on the side of the road injured in one way or another allowing the rest to work spend and save without a thought for the less fortunate Cinematically the US also exports its financial crashes around the world knowing that the cost to itself is a fraction of the repair job faced by countries that care about their people If you feel no responsibility to the environment or to those who have fallen by the wayside there is an easy path to lower taxes and low levels of regulation A kinder nation one that takes the views of ordinary people into account is going to grow at a more measured pace by definition Regulation that prevents financial crashes might slow the adoption of whizzy new financial products but pays dividends should the worst be prevented or the effect minimized It should be remembered that since 1929 it is reckless US governments that have exported financial chaos not the more careful custodians of UK or European financial centers For those who think there must still be a way to grow at a faster pace there are countless reports about how UK and European governments could do a better job Mario Draghi the former Italian prime minister and ex head of the European Central Bank provided a comprehensive critique of the lack of growth of Europe and provided remedies most of them involving further integration Draghi is no socialist but his effort was socialistic Taken in the round his reforms in Italy and Europe were designed to pay for a large and munificent state Farage and Badenoch are unsurprisingly resistant to the ideas that underpin the Draghi report and the lesson from the US is that European markets are not integrated enough They prefer to take other lessons from the US Farage and Badenoch believe that

financial markets should be set free that monopolies are fine if they drive investment The modern electorate of older people are the most susceptible to the Farage and Badenoch argument The only aspect of the state that is sacred is the health service for obvious reasons Everything else can be sacrificed to prevent the state from demanding more in tax from its citizens The AfD in Germany the National Rally in France and the Giorgia Meloni Brothers of Italy party all subscribe to the same philosophy In the UK there is a clear correlation between those over 60 and those voting with frustration and anger to destroy the society created by older voters Without acknowledging the link to far right parties on the continent and The Trump White House it is baby boomers who are coming out in favor of low regulation a finance industry free to do its worst and leaving charity to look after the least well off Those with more progressive views are in a minority in this age group The government should make the case for gradualism and how it protects most people It guards against disaster and when disaster strikes has the capacity to offer support where it is needed It builds resilience The US casts its least fortunate aside in the most callous way It is true that it always has But these days its colossal wealth and income make that most direct action against the poor unnecessary RAWSEP interjects that the rather direct action of denying food relief to US citizens is a way of casting the poor in the US aside

9 Nazis in Europe attacked music and timekeeping Church Bells Melted Down for Armaments The Nazi Plunder of Church Bells Changed the Sound of Europe As church bells chime and peal the New Year historians say the looting of more than 150 thousand bells during World War 2 left a sonic gap in the landscape Photo of a bell inside the Dom Tower in Utrecht the Netherlands Thousands of Dutch church bells were destroyed by the Nazis melted down for weapons and ammunition A few of the oldest were protected as monuments marked with an M 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 Dec 27 2025 In a diary entry in the summer of 1943 Anne Frank wrote that she had lost all sense of time The bells in the tallest church tower in Amsterdam the Westertoren right next to her own attic hiding place in a canal house had stopped ringing For a week already we have all been a little confused about the time ever since our dear and precious Westertoren bell has apparently been hauled away for factory use she wrote on August 10 1943 and we do not know precisely what time it is neither day or night News had reached the young diarist in her terrified seclusion that the Nazi occupiers in Holland were confiscating church bells across the country to melt them down for weapons and ammunition I still have some hope that they will invent something that will remind the neighborhood a bit of the clock she added During World War 2 the Germany of Hitler requisitioned some 175 thousand church bells from across Europe so that they could extract their metal components mostly copper and tin The vast majority of those some 150 thousand bells were never returned to their churches Many others were destroyed in the removal process smelted and converted into munitions and thousands ended up in so called Glockenfriedhöfe or bell cemeteries The destruction of church bells viewed as a war crime during the 1945 Nuremberg War Tribunal and as an act of sacrilege by the Roman Catholic church is a lesser known aspect of Nazi looting Many cities and towns that had for centuries measured out their lives by the quotidian chiming of church bells now fell silent The Music of Bells Has Psychological Significance The confiscation had an immediate impact on the lives of ordinary Europeans who kept time by church bells that typically chimed once every quarter of an hour and played melodies on the hour It marks the rhythm of the days of people the rhythms of their lives said a history professor at Saint Mary University in Nova Scotia Canada who has written

extensively about military use of metals including bells during World War 2 The musical loss according to a historian and a senior fellow with the Institute of European Studies at the University of California Berkeley and founder of the Lost Music Project left a sonic gap in the European landscape The largest swinging bell of the Westerkerk was confiscated in early 1943 and returned by July but did not start ringing again until November of that year However the 1658 carillon of the church was never removed Of the 9 thousand bells in the Netherlands before the war 4 thousand 660 were never returned to their church towers Anne Frank along with her family was discovered on August 4 1944 and deported to a Nazi death camp where she died When Holland was liberated in May 1945 Amsterdam residents gathered around the Westerkerk as the Dutch flag was hoisted up the tower and the national anthem played on the old carillon The Bell inside the Dom Tower in Utrecht Netherlands photographed on December 15 2025 is named Maria

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