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What about the effects of a centerpiece of Trump administration health policy under the guidance of RFK Junior the secretary of health and human services? RFK Junior has withdrawn support for certain vaccinations promoted the discredited notion that vaccinations cause autism and consistently encouraged the Trump movement against Vaccines The disproportionate impact of the Trump policies against vaccine on MAGA voters grows out of the polarization over vaccinations that emerged during the Covid epidemic Opponents of vaccinations increasingly aligned with the Republican Party and the Trump movement against vaccines soon became a powerful constituency on the right A September 2020 Pew Research survey found that 44 percent of Republicans said they would get a Covid vaccination and 56 percent said they would not the near mirror opposite of Democrats 58 percent of whom said they would get the shot and 42 percent said they would not This split is now playing out in the debate over the panoply of vaccinations administered to children including measles rubella mumps and hepatitis B Kindergarten vaccination rates reached a high of 95 point 2 percent in the 2016 to 2017 and 2017 to 2018 school years according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and then began a slow but steady decline that coincided with the outbreak of Covid falling to 92 point 1 percent in the 2024 to 2025 school year A 3 point 1 percentage point drop may not seem like much but in practice it is very significant Epidemiologists contend that a 95 percent childhood vaccination rate especially in the case of measles is crucial to achieving what they call herd immunity In this context 95 percent is a tipping point and One of those adverse developments is a rising death toll Over a 25 year period and under a scenario with current state level vaccination rates the simulation model predicted there would be 851 thousand 300 cases of measles 190 cases of rubella 18 cases poliomyelitis and 8 cases of diphtheria Under this scenario we projected 851 cases with post measles neurological sequelae 170 thousand 200 hospitalizations and 2 thousand 550 deaths If Trump Kennedy and the Trump movement against Vaccines were to succeed in pushing down vaccination rates by 25 percentage points the authors estimate that 26 point 9 million cases of measles would occur within the 25 year period 790 cases of rubella 87 thousand 600 cases of poliomyelitis and 11 cases of diphtheria Under this scenario we projected there would be 26 thousand 900 cases of post measles neurological sequelae 100 cases of paralytic poliomyelitis 1 case of congenital rubella syndrome 5 point 4 million hospitalizations due to all infections and 80 thousand 600 deaths due to all infections There are now fewer than 10 cases of post measles neurological sequelae annually in the United States and even an increase to 26 thousand 900 over 25 years would mean the illness hit just 0 point 008 percent of a population of 340 million Again who would suffer most from declining vaccination rates? Those living in areas where the Trump movement against Vaccines and support for Trump have been strongest His policies are killing his own How would Trump react if the experts I have been talking to tried to brief him on the consequences of his policies? My guess is boredom **From the rest of the article excerpt** The Trump administration had adopted policies condemning a sizable group of its core MAGA supporters miners firemen manufacturing workers to slow deaths from diseases that cut off their ability to breathe President The Trump attacks on the regulation of toxic chemicals in the air and water on strong vaccination policies on rules restricting power plant pollution are part and parcel of what amounts to a killing spree cloaked as deregulation Take just one example albeit a major one Medical and public health experts estimate

that the Trump decision to eliminate nearly all assistance provided by the US Agency for International Development will result in an estimated additional 14 million dead worldwide by 2030. Add to this the estimates of rising numbers of preventable deaths in the United States from increased rates of respiratory disease, illnesses of the unvaccinated and elevated exposure to toxic chemicals and lethal pollutants emanating from coal powered plants, all of it enabled by The Trump deregulatory policies. Experts in health care do not hold back in their assessments of the Trump administration. My overall sense is that Trump is the worst president on health we have had. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act will lead to less insurance coverage and consequently health losses. The most recent estimates are 10 million uninsured. The ACA subsidies, if not extended, are projected to reduce insurance coverage by another four million. 16 million uninsured would result in 140 thousand deaths over a decade. Based on that one would forecast 122 thousand deaths from 14 million uninsured. The Trump policies against Vaccines will add more deaths. We are now experiencing diseases that we thought we had eliminated. The Trump administration is aggressively rolling back decades of progress in expanding health insurance and improving prevention through vaccination, which will lead to financial strain, barriers to care, and preventable deaths for many Americans. One thing stands out in the Trump loosening of regulations of toxic chemicals. The Trump policies against vaccinations and his health care cuts. He is inflicting a disproportionate share of the worst kind of harms on the families of the men and women who love him, the most white working class voters, especially those living in the industrial Midwest and Appalachia. Take mine workers, who backed Trump in 2024 by margins of 3 to 1 or better. What did the Trump administration do after these voters sent him back to the White House? He and his top aides cut or eliminated crucial protections overseen by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and the Mine Safety and Health Administration. In doing so, the Trump administration is opening the door to a surge in respiratory lung diseases. The current administration has decided to make the ancient disease silicosis great again. The Department of Labor announced it will not enforce the Mine Safety and Health standard that lowered the permissible exposure limit in coal mines to the same level that OSHA applies in factories and construction sites. Those with silicosis are also vulnerable to autoimmune diseases like scleroderma, rheumatoid arthritis and lupus, chronic bronchitis, chronic kidney disease, lung cancer and tuberculosis. You cannot cure or reverse silicosis. It can also be fatal. The Trump deregulatory drive comes at a bad time. The Centers for Disease Control just released a study that found dust disease deaths among coal miners is increasing even though pneumoconiosis in coal workers is a preventable, progressive occupational lung disease caused by inhaling respirable coal mine dust. The Trump decision to delay and probably kill the Mine Safety and Health new silica exposure standard is likely a death sentence for scores of coal miners. According to an analysis by Good Jobs First, an in favor of labor think tank, found that in the first eight months of The Trump second term, the average number of inspections OSHA completed and closed per month dropped 36 percent, from 1,021 to just over 650. Every workplace inspection results in a 9 point 4 percent decline in injury rates over the following four years. The Trump cuts in medical and scientific research, along with the termination of grants and punitive actions taken against major universities, will also have lasting harmful effects on life. For more than 80 years, the US government has invested in biomedical, clinical, and public health research, making it a world leader in science and cutting edge advances in health. These discoveries led to historic reductions in morbidity and mortality from chronic diseases, fewer fatalities from motor vehicle crashes and other injuries, and the almost complete eradication of once fatal infectious diseases such as poliomyelitis. Trump dismantling of the US health research infrastructure began when a team led by Elon Musk started firing federal employees of health agencies, including government scientists, in unprecedented numbers. The administration cut health research funding across the board. These moves have shaken US research institutions. Universities are threatened by massive losses in federal funding. The Trump actions to destabilize the research enterprise could stall, if not reverse, efforts to improve population health. Cutting the NIH is an 8 Trillion Health dollar Care Catastrophe, if Trump reaches his goal of cutting biomedical research funding by 43 percent.

It has not been successful so far. Such a cut they determined would be associated with a 15 point 3 percent reduction in patents associated with new drugs which in turn will lead to 15 point 3 percent fewer new therapies. A 15 point 3 percent reduction in new therapies would lead to a reduction in life expectancy of 0 point 24 years per person over the next 25 years. In a population of more than 340 million this reflects 82 million fewer years of life. Economists valued years of life at roughly between 100 thousand dollars and 200 thousand dollars per year. Using the 100 thousand dollar value in calculations the lost health from the NIH cuts translates into more than 8 point 2 trillion dollars which is 100 thousand dollars times 82 million years!

2 Trump Republicans Young Turning Point Crowd Finds Infighting Distracting It is creating division instead of building a movement that keeps everyone together. As the event marquee speakers hurled insults at one another the young people in attendance mostly had other things on their minds. 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 22 2025 Young Republicans cornered attendees for man on the street style interviews sat at tables beneath signs reading Prove Me Wrong as they egged on people who passed by to debate. Many of the attendees at the four day conference especially those under the age of 30 had come primarily to pal around with fellow Christians in an environment that could feel like an evangelical youth group service crossed with a college football tailgate. For them the drama unfolding on the main stage where the star of the event speakers griped and traded insults appeared to be taking place in some remote realm. For some it was a family affair. A 25 year old man who is a college graduate of University of North Carolina Charlotte described Fuentes as pretty smart. He hesitated when asked to reflect on the Fuentes views instead noting that the political influencer had some maturing to do. When Vice President JD Vance finally weighed in on Sunday after the rapper Nicki Minaj made a surprise appearance he acknowledged that some in the crowd might have been put off by the disagreements among the adults in the room. I know some of you are discouraged by the infighting over any number of issues. Do not be discouraged Vance said. Would not you rather lead a movement of freethinkers who sometimes disagree than a bunch of drones who take their orders from George Soros? But well before the Vance attempt at patching things up he might have already lost a crowd eager to tread new ground. They are trying to keep this thing chugging along like it was before said a 23 year old construction worker who was grinning by an exit Friday afternoon. I think they are kidding themselves.

3 Germany German Leaders Undercutting the Far Right Are Leaning on the Far Left The German centrist establishment has long scorned the far left but it is increasingly reliant on leftists to outmaneuver the far right in crucial votes in Parliament. 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 23 2025 In early December the centrist government of Germany did not have the votes to pass a law to save the German teetering pension system. A group of 18 coalition lawmakers balked at the cost robbing the government of its parliamentary majority. The bill was rescued at the last minute by an unlikely savior The far left Dee Linka party and its 64 opposition lawmakers who have rarely exerted so much political influence since the Dee Linka founding nearly two decades ago. The party abstained from the vote sufficiently lowering the size of the majority needed for the passage of the law the latest example of how the far left has emerged as a key tiebreaker in German politics. Since the fall of communism and the reunification of Germany more than three decades ago the German far left has played a much more peripheral role. Parties from the center left and center right have taken turns in leading coalition governments while Dee Linka a far left party founded with former members the Cold War era Communist Party of East Germany has remained in opposition. Now that center is cracking under pressure from the far right Alternative for Germany or AfD which controls about a quarter of the seats in Parliament. Desperate to avoid relying on

the far right the establishment parties of Germany are turning to the far left for support an unofficial alliance that could prove key to the German government survival or its undoing For its part Dee Linka its name means the Left has deployed its leverage in savvy ways taking advantage of repeated opportunities to become something of a power player in German politics In May the party helped Friedrich Merz the leader of the main center right party of Germany secure the chancellorship In September it helped Merz make a key judicial appointment The party says it has won important concessions from the government by lending it support and prevented the far right from gaining influence Being pragmatic and being socialist those are not contradictions said Ines Schwerdtner who has been one of the leaders of the party since October 2024 Analysts are split over whether the Dee Linka newfound role hurts or helps the centrist governing coalition On the one hand it has helped the government enact its agenda On the other it risks energizing dissident factions within the coalition who feel that its informal relationship with Dee Linka risks legitimizing a party they deem to be extremist

4 Trump Russian Connection Trump and Putin share a craving for status That is why they both want to destroy Europe Liberal democracies view the Russia of Putin as a bully and the Trump US as an angry drunk with a bazooka The response is pure venom Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization The Guardian December 23 2025 There are people who argue that the Vladimir Putin war on Ukraine is not motivated by fears or imperial ambitions but by disrespect from other countries Russia once commanded authority as one of the two superpowers of the world but it has since forfeited that status It knows it has lost the respect of other countries Barack Obama famously dismissed Russia as just a regional power and the Ukraine war is its way of winning it back What is perhaps surprising is that the Trump turn against Europe has similar motivations Putin hopes at least to be feared If you are in a social order that regards you as inferior you have every incentive to turn spoiler So too Trump wants to disrupt a social order that regards him and his worldview with contempt The US president and his officials get respect from dictators and kings although perhaps not from the ones whose respect they most want – Putin and Xi Jinping but they know that the leaders of many other democratic countries look down their noses at them Now it is America that wants to act as spoiler smashing the existing hierarchy of respect to replace it with a world where Trump will get unqualified obeisance Europe with its emphasis on the rule of law and multilateralism is the strongest remaining example of an entire system of prestige and values that the Trump administration wants to destroy The irony is it was the US that built the world Trump is setting out to demolish After the second world war Washington developed a new global ambition Republicans and Democrats shared a faith that a world built on American values would be better for America It proclaimed that democracy and the rule of law were the ideals by which countries should be evaluated Like Russia Trump wants respect does not have the power to do much more than act as a spoiler It wants to shape Europe more at the same time retreating from its role as guarantor of Nato The Trump strategy denounces the massive military diplomatic intelligence and foreign aid complex that has underpinned US global ambitions and is doing everything it can to hollow it out But without that complex it is not going to be capable of reshaping Europe in its image As the example of Brazil where efforts to punish officials and help Jair Bolsonaro have badly backfired shows actions by Trump are as likely to hurt Trump allies as to help them The Trump administration wants the benefits of respect and global soft power which is why it is going after Europe But it also wants to retrench cutting down its global capacities and remaking the US into a regional power like Russia which invests its strengths in bullying the countries in its neighborhood It cannot have both

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