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I am an ER doc so I

handle stress pretty well But this was like being in a mass disaster nonstop for eight months I do not think it is well understood that we are not going to see the outcomes of all of this until Trump is long gone Forty three current and former CDC employees on the changes they say are replacing science with ideology and making Americans more vulnerable Almost as soon as he recaptured the White House President elect Trump announced that he was choosing RFK Junior to lead the Department of Health and Human Services Kennedy who had amassed a substantial following while spreading falsehoods about vaccines first through his nonprofit Children Health Defense and then through his Make America Healthy Again movement or MAHA endorsed Trump after ending his own presidential bid Trump promised to let him go wild on health Since his confirmation in February 2025 Kennedy has taken particular aim at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention a federal agency charged with safeguarding the public health of the nation At least twenty four hundred employees or eighteen percent of the CDC staff have been fired or have resigned since January 2025 The CDC which comprises more than twenty centers focused on a wide range of public health issues including infectious diseases food borne illness substance abuse and violence prevention During the coronavirus pandemic the CDC who oversaw it put masks on our children and closed schools Kennedy wants to move large parts of the agency to a new entity the Administration for a Healthy America while leaving the CDC to focus on monitoring infectious diseases The reporter interviewed more than 40 people who work at the CDC or who left during the Trump second term Many of them acknowledge that the initial Covid response of the CDC fell short Its labs failed to develop reliable diagnostic tests its communications were confusing and sometimes contradictory and its disease surveillance efforts struggled to stay ahead of the spread of the virus But they say that the CDC has made significant strides in the years since Now they argue agency scientists are being sidelined political appointees are taking charge and a vital public health institution is being remade into a vehicle for ideologues In June Kennedy fired all 17 voting members of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices or ACIP a group of doctors and scientists that meets several times a year to develop vaccine recommendations for the nation and largely replaced them with people who share his views The former CDC director Susan Monarez says she was fired for refusing to approve any changes to vaccine recommendations without first seeing the scientific evidence behind them Monarez was the only permanent director to lead the agency in the past year She lasted just 29 days No one has yet been nominated to succeed her May 20 to 27 2025 The F D A commissioner Martin Makary and Vinay Prasad the director of the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research published a new framework for coronavirus vaccines in The New England Journal of Medicine indicating that only certain groups people over 65 and others with health conditions that put them at a higher risk for severe illness should receive the shot A week later in a video posted on X Kennedy announced that the United States would no longer recommend coronavirus vaccines for healthy children or healthy pregnant women The announcements upended longstanding public health norms Neither the secretary nor the commissioner had consulted with CDC scientists and ACIP had not held any public hearings on the changes They also contradicted one another Kennedy said that healthy pregnant women should not receive the vaccine Makary and Prasad indicated that they should Fiona Havers former medical epidemiologist in the respiratory viruses division wrote Our data shows clearly that children younger than 2 who get Covid are vulnerable Their immune systems and lungs are not fully developed and their Covid hospitalization rates continue to be high even when they are otherwise healthy The people at FDA used my data but lumped all 0 to 4 year olds together to say that for healthy kids the risks from Covid are low They missed all the nuance Debra Houry former chief medical officer wrote I saw a note from one of the RFK junior policy

directors saying You know pregnancy should not be on the website as a risk factor for Covid And I thought I ca not change science for you Demetre C Daskalakis former director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases wrote I was sitting in a meeting of CDC leadership and my phone started to buzz with messages saying Did you see the changes to the childhood vaccine schedule ? I did not know what they were talking about and the childhood vaccine schedule lives under my center The political appointees told us to change the schedule based on the RFK Junior video I told them that if it is a secretarial directive to put it on paper They promised to send supporting documents We got two pages that differed from what the video said The video said that no healthy kids or healthy pregnant women should get the vaccine for Covid The memo said that no healthy children and no pregnant women period should get the vaccine We had no idea what the justification was because our own data did not support those statements I went through the general counsel at CDC and HHS trying to get additional data and they flat out refused to share it We had let all the organizations that previously endorsed the schedule the Infectious Diseases Society of America the American Academy of Pediatrics and so on know that we were going to temporarily remove their names and would reach out to see if they wanted to be added back once they saw the changes When they saw the changes every one of them said No thank you June 9 to 25 2025 Kennedy fired all 17 voting members of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices claiming that they were a rubber stamp for industry profit taking agendas A few days later he announced eight replacements most of whom were outspoken vaccine skeptics The fired committee members and the relevant CDC directors found out about the changes through word of mouth or on social media At their first meeting the newly installed advisory committee rescinded recommendations for any flu vaccines that contained the preservative thimerosal without consulting staff scientists or inviting them to speak about it Agency scientists had posted a report on ACIP web pages summarizing the evidence that shows thimerosal to be safe Political appointees at the CDC quickly ordered that the report be removed The committee would go on to change several additional vaccine recommendations including for the coronavirus hepatitis B and MMRV measles mumps rubella and varicella without consulting agency staff members November 20 2025 The CDC altered its webpage on vaccines and autism The header of the autism page still read Vaccines do not cause autism But a new statement above it said The claim vaccines do not cause autism is not an evidence based claim because studies have not ruled out the possibility that infant vaccines cause autism A footnote explained that an agreement with the Senate Committee on Health Education Labor and Pensions prevented officials from changing the header of the page People can now point to the CDC website when spreading false information And we all worry that by coopting the CDC webpage RFK Junio will ultimately pollute the algorithms that guide people online now AI might not be able to sort the evidence based stuff from the trash Vaccine specialist We have really worked to get across the message that you can still trust CDC scientists even if you cannot trust the agency But that is a hard message to convey Nothing I have worked on at a scientific level has been interfered with by our agency But obviously the public is not reading what we publish in The Lancet or The New England Journal of Medicine It is our public communications that the public turns to and that is what is been hijacked March 16 2026 A federal judge temporarily halted the RFK Junior reconstitution of ACIP and the changes he made to the childhood vaccine schedule in January saying that Kennedy had violated the Administrative Procedure Act which governs how policy changes are evaluated and executed The judge called the RFK Junior changes to vaccine recommendations arbitrary and capricious and noted that only six of ACIP 15 panelists appear to have any meaningful experience in vaccines the very focus of ACIP This is a major victory but it is also temporary ACIP and policy by decree are only two of several levers including regulatory processes and insurance programs that Kennedy can use to undermine vaccine access and uptake As long as he is in charge

of HHS vaccines will not be safe Abby Tighe former public health adviser in the division of overdose prevention I do not think it is well understood that we are not going to see the outcomes of all of this until Trump is long gone We are setting ourselves up for a generation of problems that we do not have to have It is so hard to convey to people that just because you can access vaccines right now for yourself and your kids does not mean that your grandchildren will definitely have them **3 United States** Get an Electric Vehicle and You Can Stop Worrying About Five Dollar Gas **RAWSEP View** This article does not address the fact that Electric Vehicles are typically at least 6 thousand dollars than gas power vehicles in 2026 and Electric Vehicle rebates have been withdrawn by the Trump Administration Individuals may want to buy an Electric Vehicle but it may be beyond their individual means now although there can be cost savings over time by using an electric vehicle PM 2 point 5 from wood burning is not a greenhouse gas and is not a fossil fuel emission But Wood burning emits 2 point 8 times the PM 2 point 5 and CO2 as the fossil fuel coal burning and wood burning emits 450 times the PM 2 point 5 as the fossil fuel natural gas burning Wood burning emissions of PM 2 point 5 and CO2 also contribute to climate change Top Excerpt In reality **all emissions matter** They accumulate in the atmosphere so every polluting emission whether PM 2 point 5 or CO2 makes the earth a little warmer And **anything you can do to reduce your emissions makes the problem a little easier to solve** How to motivate individuals to take individual responsibility and stop wood burning is the concern of Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates **Excerpts edited for brevity and clarity by Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization** The New York Times March 23 2026 War in the Middle East is once again exposing the downsides of our addiction to oil and gas Transportation and electricity costs are soaring for ordinary families while multinational oil giants and Vladimir Putin reap windfalls Then add in the usual planet heating greenhouse gas emissions Understandably five dollar a gallon gasoline and other fallouts from the energy crisis are inspiring calls for America to reduce its dependence on fossil fuels And though it has become unfashionable to say so individual Americans can also change our expensive and destructive gas guzzling ways Yes the Trump attacks on electric vehicles renewable power and fuel efficiency rules are awful But nobody is really stopping you from buying electric vehicles installing solar panels or using less fuel Fossil fuel combustion is a form of atmospheric litter but **for most Americans it is not yet uncool to create carbon pollution** And it is hard to imagine how to guilt or shame or even educate enough of them into going green without political change But it is also **hard to imagine how the modern green movement can persuade enough people to support political action to fight the climate crisis while simultaneously assuring them that their personal contributions to the crisis do not really matter** In reality **all emissions matter** They accumulate in the atmosphere so every tank of gasoline cross country flight and fossil fueled load of laundry makes the earth a little warmer And **anything you can do to reduce your emissions makes the problem a little easier to solve** once we collectively decide we want to solve it Maybe if five dollar gas can inspire more individual Americans to change our leaders will eventually follow **4 United States** Vertical Farms Tried to Compete With Open Field Farming It Is not Going Well The industry was a darling of the venture capital world ten years ago With many farms out of business the remaining companies have scaled back **Excerpts edited for brevity and clarity by Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization** The New York Times March 23 2026 Vertical farming businesses blossomed a decade ago promising an abundant cleaner source of fruits and vegetables Today most of those start ups have withered Constructed in opaque buildings like warehouses vertical farms resemble sterile manufacturing facilities more than farms Crops are grown in trays stacked to the ceiling fed with hydroponic or aeroponic systems Plants are bathed in white and purple LED lights to maximize photosynthesis Owners of vertical farms once talked about their industry in almost messianic

terms as a climate friendly solution to the ills they said plagued modern farming pesticide use water overconsumption long distance trucking and labor exploitation By the late twenty tens Silicon Valley was on board investing billions of dollars in companies promising to remake agriculture Now that venture capital funding has gone up in flames most prominently the 9 hundred thirty eight million dollars raised by Bowery Farming and 7 hundred ninety two million dollars by App Harvest which are out of business Just three years ago twenty three companies signed on to a Vertical Farming Manifesto and committed to goals like transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet Today fewer than ten are in business The farms and their investors were not fully prepared for what they would encounter in the agriculture industry where margins are already thin New high tech vertical farms had to elbow their way into produce markets dominated by extremely efficient traditional farms Any perceived edge that vertical farms may have had eroded when energy costs rose Higher interest rates tightened the purse strings of venture capital firms and made it tougher for farms to get access to cash Zelkind of Eighty Acres Farms one of the few mainstream players in the industry that has farms in several states and distributes its greens and salad kits across the country said that his farms were profitable but that his company was not once you take into account administrative and other centralized costs He said that vertical farming would not replace conventional farming but that it would develop to produce the highest value and most perishable produce He added that he thought placing vertical farms next to or inside regional grocery distribution centers made sense and that companies would pay a premium for the supply chain and off season flexibility vertical farms provided in an increasingly fragmented world But the industry is reminded of its fragility daily Aero Farms which raised more than 3 hundred million dollars said in December that its largest investor had withdrawn funding and that it would close It obtained temporary financing and has since told city officials in Danville Virginia where it is based that it has a nonbinding letter of intent to sell the company but still could shut down this month Even vertical farm evangelists then may need to fall back on a big picture argument for its utility to the American food system rather than on the success of any individual company

5 United States Top News Iran Israel New York City Airports France Denmark Gas Prices Excerpts edited for brevity and clarity by Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization New York Times Headlines March 23 2026 Iran War Live Updates Power Outages Are Reported in Tehran as Israel Launches Strikes Residents reported widespread power outages across the capital The Israel military said it had begun a new wave of airstrikes targeting infrastructure in the city but did not provide further details Live Updates LaGuardia Shut Down After Jet Collides With Vehicle The airport was closed early Monday as emergency crews swarmed a damaged Air Canada Express plane on a runway There were no immediate reports of deaths or injuries ICE to Aid Airport Security Amid Partial Shutdown Border Czar Says Tom Homan the Trump chief border official cast the operation largely as one to help ease long security lines The Homeland Security Department said 14 airports across the country would be involved World Israel Thought It Could Spur Rebellion Inside Iran That Has not Happened The Trump hopes that an Israeli plan to ignite an internal uprising against the Iran theocratic government could bring the war to a swift end have so far been dashed French Far Right Falls Short of Statement Win in Yardstick Local Races The Far Right of France hoped for major gains in the Sunday municipal elections a key bellwether moment before a presidential election next year Its results were mixed In the Denmark Election How Will the Woman Who Took On Trump Fare? Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen is the biggest force this country has seen in decades The crisis in Greenland has energized her but are voters itching for change? Politics How the GOP and Democrats Are Talking About the Surge in Gas Prices Republicans have largely been on defense against Democratic criticism Here are five arguments advanced by figures in both parties

6 The Russian war against Ukraine **Excerpts edited for brevity and clarity by Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization** Kiev Independent March 23 2026 People walk past a billboard on a city street advertising contract service for the war with Ukraine on March 22 2026 in Moscow Russia The billboard reads Cash payments starting from 5 point 2 million rubles Including payments from the Moscow Government and the Ministry of Defense Contract service US Ukraine delegations meet in Miami for second day of peace talks US and Ukrainian officials met in Miami Florida on March 22 for a second day of talks aimed at brokering a peace deal with Moscow to end its four year war Power outage hits parts of Kyiv after failure at Russian damaged facility Parts of the Kyiv eastern bank and Kyiv Oblast were left without power on March 22 due to a failure at a facility that had previously been severely damaged by Russian attacks Ukraine destroys Russian Buk air defenses in flurry of strikes military says shows footage A Buk M3 surface to air missile system and a transporter loader vehicle of a Buk M2 system were destroyed said Robert Brovdi the commander of the Ukraine Unmanned Systems Forces Russia attempting new offensives as weather warms Zelensky says The only tangible outcome for the Russian army has been an increase in their losses In just these seven days there have already been more than 8 thousand killed and seriously wounded Russian soldiers **Ukrainian drones killing Russian troops faster than Moscow can replace them drone commander says** We need to keep milking this cow the Russian army for everything it is worth exhausting it beyond its maximum capacity Robert Madyar Brovdi told the Economist Russia resumes rocket launches from Baikonur Cosmodrome after liftoff site damaged in accident Russia launched a rocket from Site 31 at the Baikonur Cosmodrome for the first time since the launch pad was damaged in an accident in November 2025 the Russian space agency Roscosmos reported on March 22 The Russian internet blackouts spread to Saint Petersburg residents say The reports come a week after widespread restrictions to mobile internet in Moscow on March 13 as the Kremlin enforced a new whitelist system that only permits access to pro government social media outlets and official state websites

7 The Russian war against Ukraine **RAWSEP View** Slovakian Fico considers joining Hungarian Orban to potentially block EU funding for Ukraine Orban faces an election on April 12 2026 **Excerpts edited for brevity and clarity by Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization** Kiev Independent March 22 2026 An aftermath view shows damage to Post Office No 8 following Russian airstrikes using K 250 guided bombs in Sloviansk Donetsk Oblast on March 21 2026 Ukrainian delegation meets Witkoff Kushner in Miami plan to continue talks on March 22 The latest round of negotiations comes over a month since their last face to face meeting in Geneva on February 17 to 18 when trilateral talks between Kyiv Moscow and Washington were held A follow up meeting scheduled for March 5 in Abu Dhabi was postponed after US Israeli strikes on Iran Fire damage reported in Kyiv Oblast following Russian drone attack Russian forces launched a drone attack on Kyiv Oblast overnight on March 22 damaging multiple homes and commercial buildings in the city of Brovary local officials reported Ukraine launches nearly 3 hundred drones against Russia overnight hit Saratov oil depot and command post of elite Russian Rubikon drone unit in occupied Mariupol The attacks targeted the cities of Saratov and Engels in Saratov Oblast and Tolyatti in Samara Oblast The towns host key Russian military and industrial assets including the Saratov oil refinery and Engels 2 military airfield **Fico backs Orban considers joining Hungary in blocking ninety billion EU loan for Ukraine** Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico said that Slovakia could consider blocking a ninety billion euro EU loan for Ukraine in the future while defending the Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban opposition to the measure Russian Intelligence targets American messaging app users FBI says Hackers linked to Russian intelligence have been targeting messaging app accounts of high profile US users FBI Director Kash Patel said on March 20