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- Today, THE PRESIDENT will participate in a Bilateral Meeting and Lunch with the President of the Republic of Poland.
- Yesterday, THE PRESIDENT announced that the Space Command headquarters will move to Huntsville, Alabama – forever to be known, from this point forward, as Rocket City. This will result in more than 30,000 Alabama jobs, billions of dollars of investment, and will help America defend and dominate the High Frontier.
- Yesterday, on the President's Orders, U.S. Military Forces conducted a kinetic strike against positively identified Tren de Aragua Narcoterrorists in the SOUTHCOM area of responsibility. The strike resulted in 11 terrorists killed in action, and no U.S. Forces were harmed.
- NEW: The United States collected \$31 billion in tariff revenue in August a new record high.
- A <u>Gallup survey</u> confirmed President Trump's return-to-office order worked. Federal government workers are now twice as likely to work in-office as employees overall nationwide.
- Law enforcement has made over 1,761 arrests and seized more than 195 illegal guns in D.C. since the start of the President's crime crackdown.
- This has been the most affordable summer at the pump since 2021 and low gas prices aren't going anywhere anytime soon.
- The Administration is fully supportive of the Oversight Committee's file release.
- Last week, President Trump used his authority under the Impoundment Control Act to deploy a pocket rescission, cancelling \$5 billion in foreign aid and international organization funding that violates the President's America First priorities.
- On Friday, CEA released a <u>new report</u> estimating that under a scenario of average returns on the U.S. stock market, a Trump Account balance for a baby born in 2026 will be:
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Axios: Trump's return to office order worked

Breitbart: Trump's Deputies Win 93% Drop in 'Unaccompanied Alien Children' Border Smuggling

Washington Examiner: Trump sees crime crackdown as the issue to blow up blue city Democrat coalition

Fox News: Trump admin scores legal win in \$16B climate fight as federal appeals court lifts block on grant terminations

New York Post: Vice President JD Vance and second lady Usha will visit Minnesota to pay their respects to victims of Catholic school mass shooting

Fox News: Trump welcomes Polish president with flyover tribute to fallen fighter pilot

Fox News: MARK PENN: Trump is trying to save 100,000 American lives while Democrats let cities spiral out of control

Fox News: Treasury Department releases official list of jobs eligible for 'no tax on tips' deduction

New York Post: Dramatic footage shows US strike that obliterated 'drug-carrying boat' off Venezuela, killing 11 Tren de Aragua 'narcoterrorists'

New York Post: Census income tally finds Trump 1.0 economy outpaced Biden's — and it wasn't close

ON YESTERDAY'S MILITARY STRIKE: Yesterday, on the President's Orders, U.S. Military Forces conducted a kinetic strike against positively identified Tren de Aragua Narcoterrorists in the SOUTHCOM area of responsibility. The strike resulted in 11 terrorists killed in action, and no U.S. Forces were harmed.



Earlier this morning, on my Orders, U.S. Military Forces conducted a kinetic strike against positively identified Tren de Aragua Narcoterrorists in the SOUTHCOM area of responsibility. TDA is a designated Foreign Terrorist Organization, operating under the control of Nicolas Maduro, responsible for mass murder, drug trafficking, sex trafficking, and acts of violence and terror across the United States and Western Hemisphere. The strike occurred while the terrorists were at sea in International waters transporting illegal narcotics, heading to the United States. The strike resulted in 11 terrorists killed in action. No U.S. Forces were harmed in this strike. Please let this serve as notice to anybody even thinking about bringing drugs into the United States of America. BEWARE! Thank you for your attention to this matter!!!!!!!!!!!!

- On his first day in office, President Trump <u>designated</u> Tren de Aragua (TDA) as a Foreign Terrorist Organization.



- TDA, operating under the control of Nicolas Maduro, is responsible for mass murder, drug trafficking, sex trafficking, and acts of violence and terror across the United States and Western Hemisphere.
- The strike occurred while the terrorists were at sea in international waters transporting illegal narcotics, heading to the United States.
- The President released the kill strike footage that obliterated the drug boat and narcoterrorists.
- President Trump: "Please let this serve as notice to anybody even thinking about bringing drugs into the United States of America. BEWARE!"
- President Trump is willing to go on offense in ways that others have not been. We are sending the clear message that under President Trump's leadership, we are not going to allow this kind of activity.

ON YESTERDAY'S SPACE COMMAND ANNOUNCEMENT: President Trump announced he is moving Space Command HQ to Huntsville, Alabama.

- SPACECOM must employ capabilities to quickly deter foreign threats and aggression, partner with U.S. industry to deliver cutting-edge capabilities, strengthen interoperable relationships with Allies and Partners, and provide the President with options to enable the Joint Force to prevail in conflict—with its Headquarters in Huntsville it will be fully equipped to fulfill its mission.
- A strong, well-located headquarters signals U.S. commitment to our national security, space capabilities and reinforcing partnerships worldwide.
- We are securing U.S. dominance with SPACECOM's strong presence, deterring our adversaries and giving the U.S. the ability to decisively defeat adversaries in the space domain.
- Our adversaries are actively working to undermine U.S. dominance and threaten our military and commercial space assets. SPACECOM defends national interests, deters aggression, and supports allies; if deterrence fails, its combat power gives the Joint Force a decisive advantage.
- SPACECOM's Mission are best executed from a site that offers the infrastructure, talent, and cost profile that Huntsville uniquely provides:
 - SPACECOM's Headquarters in Huntsville will be critical to executing readiness, threat mitigation, partner interoperability, and rapid innovation.
 - Huntsville's existing facilities enable SPACECOM to transition quickly to full operational status, accelerating the command's ability to protect U.S. space assets.
 - To fulfill SPACECOM's mission, it must be in a location that has the most favorable factors, including
 infrastructure capacity, community support, skilled workforce, and costs to the Department of Defense.
 Relocating SPACECOM to Huntsville, Alabama will ensure it has all of the resources to defend our
 nation's interests.
 - Locating SPACECOM at Redstone Arsenal positions the service to deter hostile actions, defend national interests, and give the President decisive options for joint-force success.



- The region hosts a large, technically proficient workforce and is adjacent to major aerospace, defense, and research institutions (e.g., NASA Marshall, Redstone Arsenal, Cummings Research Park).
- Proximity to leading space companies fosters rapid technology transfer and partnership opportunities, keeping SPACECOM at the cutting edge.
- The Department of the Air Force's analysis shows Huntsville delivers the lowest total cost of ownership among all candidates—approximately \$508 M (2021 dollars) in one-time expenses.
 - Huntsville will provide existing utilities, transportation links, and secure facilities, reducing the need for costly new construction.
- With the projected 1,800 SPACECOM personnel, "Rocket City USA" will experience significant job creation, housing demand, and ancillary business development.
- Alabama's selection emerged from a rigorous, objective process—with this selection process we are restoring
 integrity to the basing decision after the Biden Administration revoked the Air Forces' ability to select the best
 location for political purposes.
- President Trump and Secretary of Defense Hegseth have rightfully returned the decision to the Air Force, allowing an unbiased, merit-based conclusion.
 - A recent GAO report confirmed Redstone Arsenal's selection was based solely on merit.
 - o In both the Evaluation and Selection phases, Redstone ranked #1 across all criteria, achieving the highest overall decision-matrix score.
 - Air Force leadership, including the former Secretary of the Air Force, cited Redstone as the strongest candidate based on comprehensive analysis.

LAST WEEK IN PRESIDENT TRUMP'S ECONOMY:

- **Lowest Labor Day gas prices in five years:** Thanks to President Trump, Labor Day gas prices are their CHEAPEST since 2020.
- **Travel costs on the decline:** Domestic airfares are <u>down 6%</u> over last year hitting a <u>five-year low</u> while hotel rates are <u>down</u> about 11% and car rental costs are down 3%.
- **GDP shatters expectations:** Second-quarter GDP was <u>revised up to 3.3%</u> smashing many economists' expectations and demonstrating the ongoing economic resilience underway in President Trump's economy. The report also <u>showed</u> increased consumer spending and business investment, while inflation remains low, stable, and right on track with the Federal Reserve's target.
- Mortgage rates hit a ten-month low: Mortgage rates have now fallen to a 10-month low, with Freddie Mac's chief economist citing "lower rates and solid economic growth" as the primary driver. After housing costs soared as the Biden Administration let millions of illegal immigrants into the country, the Trump Administration has made housing affordability a top priority and it's working.



- Dow, S&P 500 notch fresh records: The Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 etched fresh record highs, with the S&P 500 on track to post its fourth straight winning month in a row as corporate earnings soar and the One Big Beautiful Bill drives renewed economic optimism.
- With OBBB now law, America's economy is set for even stronger growth ahead.

ON THE TARIFF RULING: President Trump's reciprocal tariffs remain in effect. Although a highly partisan appeals court ruled against the tariffs, the court stayed its mandate, keeping the tariffs in effect while the United States seeks review from the Supreme Court. We are confident that we will win at the Supreme Court and that President Trump's reciprocal tariffs will ultimately succeed.



ALL TARIFFS ARE STILL IN EFFECT! Today a Highly Partisan Appeals Court incorrectly said that our Tariffs should be removed, but they know the United States of America will win in the end. If these Tariffs ever went away, it would be a total disaster for the Country. It would make us financially weak, and we have to be strong. The U.S.A. will no longer tolerate enormous Trade Deficits and unfair Tariffs and Non Tariff Trade Barriers imposed by other Countries, friend or foe, that undermine our Manufacturers, Farmers, and everyone else. If allowed to stand, this Decision would literally destroy the United States of America. At the start of this Labor Day weekend, we should all remember that TARIFFS are the best tool to help our Workers, and support Companies that produce great MADE IN AMERICA products. For many years, Tariffs were allowed to be used against us by our uncaring and unwise Politicians. Now, with the help of the United States Supreme Court, we will use them to the benefit of our Nation, and Make America Rich, Strong, and Powerful Again! Thank you for your attention to this matter.

- In April, President Trump imposed tariffs in response to the national emergency cause by persistent imbalances in our bilateral trade relationships, as indicated by our enormous goods trade deficit.
- Our \$1.2 trillion trade deficit—the largest of any country in human history—has drained our country of the manufacturing vital to our economic and national security.
- The tariffs are starting to reverse this trend by rebalancing trade in favor of U.S. industry and workers.
- The President has announced deals with the EU, Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Japan, South Korea, and the UK, which will rebalance trade with the United States and strengthen the United States' domestic manufacturing and defense industrial base.
- Between the tariffs and deals, our trade will become more balanced, greenfield investment is flowing into America, and we are seeing the manufacturing resurgence necessary to deal with our national emergency.



- Despite the Federal Circuit having not a single Trump appointed judge on its court, the majority opinion for the court still did not deny that tariffs can be used to address national emergencies. Four judges—including two Obama appointed judges— even agreed that President Trump's rationale for imposing the tariffs was well founded.
- Friday's ruling is water off a duck's back—President Trump will continue to take the action needed to bring America back from the dead.
- We all know that President Trump always wins in the end and will not turn a blind eye to the unfair and discriminatory policies of our trading partners that have contributed to this emergency as his predecessors have done.
- The President retains additional and powerful trade authorities, and we will use those authorities to the utmost when necessary.

TARIFFS WORK: U.S. revenue from customs duties this fiscal year has surpassed \$183.1 billion, with July tariff revenues breaking the monthly record. Now that reciprocal tariffs are in place, this number is only expected to grow.

- The United States could collect more than \$300 billion in customs revenue this year thanks to President Trump's tariffs.
- Secretary Bessent predicts customs duty revenues from tariffs may end up topping \$500 billion a year.
- A new analysis from the Congressional Budget Office found that President Trump's tariffs will reduce total deficits by over \$4 trillion over the next decade.
- South Carolina aluminum maker Century Aluminum Co. plans to invest \$50 million and add 100 jobs as a direct result of President Trump's new tariffs.
- Tariffs are expected to raise \$2.8 trillion through 2034 and grow the economy.
- A <u>study</u> by the White House Council of Economic Advisors found that prices for imported goods have actually declined *faster* than prices for overall goods confirming that tariffs have had little effect on prices.
- A study by the New York Fed found that inflation expectations are back down to pre-tariff levels.

ON POCKET RESCISSIONS: The Trump Administration is committed to getting America's fiscal house in order by cutting government spending that is woke, weaponized, and wasteful. Now, for the first time in 50 years, the President is using his authority under the Impoundment Control Act to deploy a pocket rescission, cancelling \$5 billion in foreign aid and international organization funding that violates the President's America First priorities.

Examples of what the rescinded accounts funded:

United States Agency for International Development (USAID) – Development Assistance (DA) – \$3.2 billion

- The Development Assistance (DA) account was established to fund programs that work to end poverty in the developing world. However, the account has come to bankroll initiatives that are antithetical to American values and represented the worst of USAID's woke excesses. This account has been used to fund radical, leftist



priorities, including climate change, diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), LGBTQ activities, and other projects like baking and beauty therapy in Zimbabwe that are of no value to American taxpayers and American foreign policy interests. Examples include:

- \$400 million per year for global climate grift projects like:
 - A partnership with the Green Climate Fund, for the Barbados Blue-Green Bank for climate change mitigation.
 - \$650,000 for micro-insurance for smallholder farmers and microbusinesses in Colombia for climate disaster response.
 - \$24.6 million to build climate resilience in Honduras.
 - \$38.6 million for biodiversity and low-emissions development in West Africa.
- o \$60,000 for listening tours on local development in Timor-Leste.
- \$12,000 for "telling the USAID story" in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- o \$13.4 million for civic engagement in Zimbabwe.

USAID and Department of State (State) – Democracy Fund – \$322 million

- This account funds the "democracy promotion activities" of the Department of State and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). In practice, so-called democracy promotion activities undermine American values, weaken the perception of America abroad, and interfere with the sovereignty of other countries—including our allies. For example, this account funded "gender responsive governance" and "strengthening information integrity, equality, and democracy for LGBTQI+ populations."
- This action would eliminate programs that have conducted censorship operations and meddled in elections in foreign countries.
 - \$2.7 million to advance "inclusive democracy" in South Africa through the Democracy Works Foundation, which has published articles such as "The Problem with Whiteness," and "The Problem with White People." One article claims that White South Africans are "not even aware" of the "hostility they unleash" against black people; another lauds terrorism and communism as an effective means of deconstructing White Afrikaner identity.
 - o \$4 million for the New Alliance for Global Equality to advance "global LGBTQI+ awareness."
 - \$3.9 million to promote "democracy" for LGBTQI+ populations in the Western Balkans.
 - o \$2 million for "Organizing for Feminist Democratic Principles" in Africa
 - \$40 million to address "the needs, opportunities, and challenges identified by activists, and other civic actors engaged in nonviolent collective action"

State – Contribution to International Organizations (CIO) – \$521 million

- This account provides funding for the assessed contributions to the United Nations (UN), UN-Affiliated organizations, and various other international organizations that do not support major U.S. policies or priorities or have been operating contrary to American interests for many years. This account funded:
 - \$45 million to the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) is the regional arm of the World Health Organization, and has faced credible accusations of forced labor and human trafficking of Cuban doctors.
 - \$75 million per year to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO),
 which works to advance divisive social and cultural causes, with an outsized focus on the globalist



- ideological agenda in the UN's "Sustainable Development Goals" and has long fostered antisemitism and anti-Israel sentiment.
- \$29 million to the toothless World Trade Organization (WTO), which has for decades aided and abetted global trade cheating by the Chinese Communist party.
- \$107 million for the International Labor Organization (ILO), a group that works to unionize foreign workers and punish U.S. corporate interests abroad.
- U.S. contributions to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) facilitated a harmful global tax deal, allowing other countries to dictate American tax policy.
- U.S. budget support for countless organizations like the Colombo Plan Council for Technical Cooperation, the International Tropical Timber Organization, and the Pan American Institute on Geography and History.
- \$2.3 million for desert locust risk reduction in the Central Region and Horn of Africa, with a focus on "gender equality," "interculturality," and supporting "indigenous peoples."

State - Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities (CIPA) - \$393 million

- This account provides payments for the U.S. share of United Nations (UN) peacekeeping assessments. UN peacekeeping without specific, measurable, and time-bound goals simply does not work, as the world recognized just this week when voting to wind down the failed 40-year mission in Lebanon. Through America First diplomacy, the President has ended more wars in 8 months than the UN has in 80 years.
- UN peacekeeping has been fraught with waste and abuse, as evidenced by the ongoing sexual exploitation and abuse in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Central African Republic. There have been thousands of credible allegations of sexual abuse and other crimes against UN peacekeepers from across the world, including when underage girls in Kosovo were kidnapped, tortured, and prostituted – with UN peacekeepers driving demand for these horrific practices.
 - o In 2023, 43 people were killed during demonstrations against the Democratic Republic of the Congo Mission and DRC presidential candidates have threatened to remove the UN's consent to operate.
 - In addition to sex exploitation and abuse, the Central African Republic mission has become fully aligned with Russia which continues to extract the country's natural resources.
 - The Mali mission's failure to retain host country consent and protect civilians is another stain on the UN's tattered history of peacekeeping.

IAP – Peacekeeping Operations – \$445 million

- This account is a slush fund used to support projects counter to a core security focus, including hybrid energy power generation pilot projects in Nepal and South Sudan. This action would eliminate programs, such as the Global Peace Operations Initiative, and undirected Africa Regional funding but will not impact the United States' commitment to the Egyptian-Israeli Treaty of Peace through our contributions to the Multinational Force and Observers.
 - Hundreds of millions in security assistance have been provided to Niger, and yet in 2023, its military overthrew the democratically elected government, wasting American taxpayers' investments. Over \$30 million of PKO funding was planned in 2023, the same year the coup occurred.
 - Annually, \$71 million of PKO's funds have been allocated to the Global Peace Operations Initiative to ready other countries' militaries to support UN peacekeeping. Not only is the U.S. overpaying its assessed contributions, but it pays twice to pick up global slack. Programs undergoing termination include:
 - Nearly \$11 million for armored personnel carriers for Uruguay's quick reaction force.



- Nearly \$4 million for infrastructure and facilities at the Zambia Training Center.
- Nearly \$3 million for barracks for Kazakhstan peacekeepers.
- Over \$500,000 for a body armor pilot program in Ghana.
- Nearly \$300 million annually to Somalia for peacekeeping and UN programs that have manifestly failed to stop piracy or provide lasting peace and security.

TRUMP ACCOUNTS: Thanks to President Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill, Trump Accounts can be established for American children who have not reached age 18, giving the next generation a jump start on saving.

- An American child born after December 31, 2024 and before January 1, 2029 for whom a Trump Account is established will receive an initial \$1,000 deposit from the government, with the potential for parents to contribute up to an additional \$5,000 per year initially.
 - Employers may make an annual contribution of up to \$2,500 to a Trump Account and that contribution will not impact the employee's taxable income.
- CEA estimates that, under a scenario of average returns on the U.S. stock market, Trump Account balance for a baby born in 2026 will be:
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INTEL AGREEMENT: The United States of America now owns 10% of Intel, one of our great American technology companies.

- This historic agreement strengthens U.S. leadership in semiconductors, which will both grow our economy and help secure America's technological edge.
- The government is not getting involved in daily operations or management.
- The Biden Administration decided to intervene in this market, and we are ensuring that the only American chipmaker at scale is preserved and taxpayers get to reap upside in the process.
- The Biden Administration prioritized woke DEI in CHIPS Act. We are prioritizing success and taxpayers getting a fair bargain.



CHICAGO CRIME IS OUT OF CONTROL: President Donald J. Trump's historic <u>effort</u> to restore public safety in the nation's capital has led to <u>unprecedented drops</u> in violent crime, including <u>murders</u>.



At least 54 people were shot in Chicago over the weekend, 8 people were killed. The last two weekends were similar. Chicago is the worst and most dangerous city in the World, by far. Pritzker needs help badly, he just doesn't know it yet. I will solve the crime problem fast, just like I did in DC. Chicago will be safe again, and soon. MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!

Now, as President Trump rightly <u>calls attention</u> to the crime and disrepair gripping other major U.S. cities — like Democrat-run Chicago — <u>Democrat politicians</u> seem far more upset about the offer of assistance than the crime epidemic in their own backyards.

Here are the facts on Chicago's crime problem:

- For 13 consecutive years, Chicago has had the most murders of any U.S. city.
- For seven consecutive years, Chicago has had the <u>highest</u> murder rate among U.S. cities with more than one million people.
- In 2024, Chicago's <u>murder rate per capita</u> was three times higher than Los Angeles and nearly five times higher than New York City. That's <u>more than double</u> the murder rate in Islamabad and nearly 15 times more than Delhi.
- Out of Chicago's 147,899 reported crimes since January 1, arrests have been made in just 16.2% of them.
- More illegal guns are recovered in Chicago than in New York City and Los Angeles combined.
- The number of reported motor vehicle thefts last year was more than double the number in 2021.
- Chicago has also come under scrutiny over discrepancies in its homicide data reporting.

ADDRESSING MISINFORMATION ON PRESIDENT TRUMP'S DC CRIME CRACKDOWN:

- Americans aren't fooled by Democrats' attempts to downplay crime. A new poll found that <u>81% of Americans</u> see crime as a "major problem" in large cities.
- Voters overwhelmingly support President Trump's D.C. crime crackdown. A new <u>Harvard CAPS/Harris poll</u> found that 54% of registered voters aid the President's crime-fighting efforts in the nation's capital are "justified and necessary."
- Reports about D.C. extending Restaurant Week <u>fail to mention</u> this has been the case at least every other year since the pandemic.



- Reports of the screaming man being detained on the National Mall <u>fail to mention</u> that this is a criminal illegal alien from Mexico charged with aggravated sexual battery against a minor under 13. Thanks to President Trump and our brave law enforcement, he is now off Washington D.C.'s streets.
- Reports claiming restaurant reservations are down in DC due to the President's crime crackdown <u>falsely</u> <u>compared</u> this year's non-restaurant week period to last year's restaurant week, which naturally saw higher bookings.
- Reports about a moped driver in DC who was arrested <u>fail to mention</u> he is an Illegal Alien Criminal from Venezuela with suspected gang affiliation and had an active final order of removal. He resisted arrest and, as a result, a law enforcement officer suffered a concussion.
- <u>48% of the arrests</u> have taken place in high-crime areas (Wards 7 and 8), refuting critics who claim the takeover was all for show or not targeting high-crime areas.

RESTORING LAW AND ORDDER IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: President Trump is Making D.C. Safe Again, fulfilling a campaign promise made early on the trail back in 2023. This is what the American people voted for.



CRIME NUMBERS ARE WAY DOWN IN DC! AMAZING PROGRESS BEING MADE! Thank you for your attention to this matter.

President DJT

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- President Trump <u>mobilized the national guard</u> and <u>took over the D.C. Metro Police Department</u> to restore law and order in the District of Columbia.
- There is a <u>noticeably larger police presence</u> on the streets of D.C. as a result of the President's actions. <u>Over 1,761 dangerous criminals</u> have already been arrested and 195 illegal guns taken off the streets of Washington, D.C.
- As a result of President Trump's decisive actions, crime in D.C. is <u>falling</u>, with robbery down 42%, carjacking down 85%, and violent crime down 25%.
- Instead of supporting popular, common-sense policies, Democrats will do <u>anything</u> to oppose Trump. They are even willing to be pro-crime, like opposing efforts to make DC safe.
 - Democratic Party favorability is now at a RECORD low according to Gallup.
- The D.C. police Chief is supportive of President Trump's plan to Make D.C. Safe Again, and said she will "work together" with the Administration to implement the President's plan.
- Just as President Trump secured our borders from the Democrats' open borders invasion, he will protect and secure our capital.



WASHINGTON, D.C. CRIME IS OUT OF CONTROL:

- In 2024, Washington, D.C. saw a homicide rate of 27.3 per 100,000 residents.
 - That was the <u>fourth-highest homicide rate</u> in the country nearly six times higher than New York City and also higher than Atlanta, Chicago, and Compton.
 - In 2012, the homicide rate in Washington, D.C. was just 13.9 per 100,000 residents.
- Lethality in D.C. has jumped by a whopping 341% when compared to 2012 data.
- Washington, D.C.'s murder rate is roughly <u>three times higher</u> than that of Islamabad, Pakistan, and 18 times higher than that of communist-run Havana, Cuba. America is the greatest country in the world, there's no reason why the Nation's capital should have a murder rate that is higher than some of the most dangerous places in the world.
- The number of juveniles arrested in Washington, D.C., <u>has gone up each year</u> since 2020 many of whom have had prior arrests for violent crimes.
- There were <u>29,348 crimes</u> reported in Washington, D.C. last year, including 3,469 violent offenses, 1,026 assaults with a dangerous weapon, 2,113 robberies, and 5,139 motor vehicle thefts.
- Vehicle theft in Washington, D.C. is <u>more than three times the national average</u> ranking it among the most dangerous cities in the world.
 - o Carjackings increased 547% between 2018 and 2023.
 - o In 2024, there were triple the number of carjackings compared to 2018.
- These statistics are not only troubling on their own, but they also likely significantly understate the level of crime in Washington, D.C.
 - Metro Police Department leadership are allegedly <u>cooking the books</u> to make crime statistics appear more favorable. A D.C. police commander was suspended for allegedly changing crime statistics in his district, and the D.C. police department recently <u>settled</u> a lawsuit with a former employee over claims that crime numbers were manipulated.
 - Many residents don't feel safe reporting crime.
 - o More than half of all violent crime in the U.S. goes unreported in the first place.
 - <u>WUSA-TV</u>: "D.C. residents voice frustration over rising violence, questioning police stats and demanding real action to make neighborhoods feel safe again."

ON THE FEDERAL RESERVE: The Fed should listen to President Trump and cut rates NOW.

- What we've seen time and again, is that President Trump has a great track record on the what the Federal Reserve needs to do. What we're seeing now in real time is a repetition of this <u>pattern</u> where the President will end up having been proven right and the Fed will, with a lag and probably quite too late, eventually catch up to the President's view.



- President Trump was right in 2018 when he said there was no inflation and no need for higher interest rates. Yet Powell hiked interest rates <u>four times</u> in 2018—despite muted inflation and strong labor market gains. Most of the GDP slowdown from over 3 percent to 1.5 percent was <u>due to</u> Powell's blunder.
- President Trump was right in 2021 when he said, 'Hey, inflation is going to be out of control. We need
 higher interest rates.' The Fed dismissed inflation as transitory despite economist warnings. Powell
 waited until March 2022 more than a year after inflation had begun accelerating before
 implementing the first interest rate hike since 2018.

The One Big Beautiful Bill

The One Big Beautiful Bill puts AMERICA FIRST:

- Delivers the largest tax cut in history for middle- and working-class Americans.
- Bigger paychecks of \$10,000 more in annual take-home pay for families.
- NO tax on Tips.
- NO tax on Overtime.
- NO tax on Social Security.
- NO tax on Made in America Auto Loans.
- Protects two million family farms from punitive double taxation.
- Permanent increases to the Child Tax Credit, supporting over 40 million families.
- A vote against this bill is a vote for the largest tax INCREASE in history.
- Rescinds BILLIONS in Green New SCAM funding.
- Restores fiscal sanity, slashing deficits by roughly \$2 TRILLION.
- Eliminates waste, fraud, and abuse from bloated federal programs.
- Permanently secures our borders.
- Deports at least ONE MILLION illegal aliens a year.
- Makes the largest investment in border security in a generation, providing nearly \$150 billion to secure our border and deport illegal aliens
- Finishes Phase Two of the border wall.
- Shifts the cost of adjudication in the immigration system from the American taxpayer to aliens
- Hires 10,000 new ICE agents, 5,000 Customs officers, and 3,000 Border Patrol agents.
- Funds the Golden Dome missile defense system to confront 21st-century threats.
- Delivers the largest Coast Guard upgrade since WWII stopping fentanyl and criminal cartels by sea.



- Modernizes our military to ensure it has the resources to be a ready, lethal fighting force after four years of weakness by the Biden administration.
- Ends Biden's war on American energy and drives down energy costs.
- Unleashes domestic oil, gas, and nuclear power restoring energy independence.
- <u>Cuts taxes</u> across all 50 U.S. states.

OBBB Medicaid Charge and Response

CHARGE: Millions of Americans could lose coverage.

RESPONSE: No eligible individual loses coverage under OBBB.

The law:

- 1. Requires able-bodied working-aged adults without children or with high—school-aged children to work, volunteer, or job training programs
- 2. Removes non-citizens (except lawful residents) from the welfare rolls
- 3. Conducts eligibility checks for able-bodied working-aged adults only twice a year
- 4. We are simply removing waste, fraud, and abuse. It is an indisputable fact that there is waste, fraud, and abuse in these programs.
 - Just this week, CMS announced they found <u>2.8 million</u> Americans potentially enrolled in two or more Medicaid/ACA exchange plans at the same time and/or in multiple states — this is unnecessary, duplicate enrollment wasting \$14 billion annually.
 - 2. Medicaid itself reported \$543 billion in improper payments, but the number is likely higher.
 - 3. CEA estimates that federal taxpayers spent \$56 billion on Medicaid for childless, working-age, ablebodied adults working 20 hours a week or less in 2024 alone, amounting to 11 percent of total federal Medicaid spending.
- 5. The claims about lost coverage depend on the CBO, which has an extremely poor track record when estimating the impact of legislation on health coverage. Not only does the analysis attempt to include things that are not even in the bill, the CBO already poorly predicts, and we'd go as far as say they are incorrectly predicting economic outcomes— their so-called 'economists' certainly shouldn't be in the business of poorly predicting behavior and health insurance outcomes too.

CHARGE: Rural hospitals may shut down or convert into emergency-only facilities due to Medicaid "cuts." **RESPONSE:** The One Big Beautiful Bill makes a historic investment in rural healthcare. The Rural Health Transformation Program will provide unprecedented new funding to states for a range of uses designed to make rural healthcare more effective and sustainable for the long term.

That narrative ignores the facts:

- OBBBA invests \$50B in targeted funds for rural hospitals, with \$20B released before any major policy change takes effect.
- We know rural providers only receive 7% of all Medicaid hospital funding today. The bill refocuses federal priorities to ensure these providers have the resources they need.
- Most hospital shutdown warnings rely on flawed studies that don't analyze real hospital finances and a number of those implicated have already publicly denied any closure risk.
- Many hospitals cited in "closure risk" reports (e.g., UPMC, Ascension, Providence, Mayo) are part of large, well-funded systems.



CHARGE: More frequent eligibility checks will cause people to lose coverage due to "red tape."

RESPONSE: Eligibility is only checked twice per year—hardly excessive. The average Medicaid beneficiary is already enrolled, on average, <u>for less than a year</u>. These checks simply ensure that individuals who are no longer eligible (e.g., due to income increases and no longer qualify or receive other coverage) are removed. Modern technology, as experts like <u>Dr. Oz</u> have noted, makes implementation straightforward with minimal disruption.

• There are <u>roughly 12 million ineligible enrollees in Medicaid expansion</u> and the Obamacare exchanges—the result of the Biden administration's enrollment-at-any-cost strategy. Eligibility review requirements in the OBBB will help ensure that only those legally eligible for coverage will receive it.

CHARGE: The bill fails to extend the enhanced ACA premium tax credits (PTCs), leading to skyrocketing premiums.

RESPONSE: The One Big Beautiful Bill roots out the waste, fraud, and abuse perpetuated by the Biden Administration, bringing stability to the market and holding down premiums. Instead of promoting stable and affordable markets, the Biden Administration promoted policies that gave way to billions of dollars of fraud, consumer harm, and instability.

- Democrats wrote those PTCs to expire in 2025. The expiration of the enhanced subsidies was a policy decision made by Democrats. No law since then has extended them—including Democratic proposals when they had the majority power and the White House under the previous Admin. Blaming OBBB is disingenuous.
- We know the enhanced PTCs fueled fraud and improper subsidies, with an <u>estimated \$27 billion</u> lost this year alone. Reports <u>found</u> that in 29 states the number of people signing up for fully-subsidized plans are greater than the number of people eligible for such plans.