

THE NEGLECT LOOP

How Data Exclusion Justifies Its Own Repetition

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STAGE 1

Data Gap

Federal surveys miss unhoused, undocumented, and non-English-speaking populations by structural design. A fixed address, phone, English fluency, and willingness to answer government contact are all required.

33.4% of free clinic patients are non-English speakers — but only 6.8% appear in national survey data.

STAGE 2

Funding Gap

Undocumented need cannot support grant applications. Without data, funding does not flow. Community health infrastructure is cut and dollars return to the federal Treasury with no replacement services.

444 CDC grants totaling \$5.78B in Congressional-approved funds terminated March 2025.

■ THE CYCLE REPEATS

STAGE 3

Outcome Gap

Without services or data collection, health outcomes worsen — but there is no mechanism to document the worsening. Disparities widen invisibly. Communities bear the burden with no way to prove it.

Texas: 4,500 measles cases & 16 deaths while 30+ public health positions were cut during active outbreak.

STAGE 4

Justification Loop

Administration cites "no evidence of need" and "fiscal responsibility" to justify further cuts. The data that would have proven need was never collected. The loop completes and begins again.

Proposed FY2026 CDC budget: \$4.3B cut from \$9.2B. Chronic disease center proposed for elimination.

\$5.78B

CDC grants terminated without individual review

5x

Rate non-English speakers use free clinics vs. federal data

80%

Funding recovered by states that sued

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