

# DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION

*Through Community Action*

The Civil Society Field Hearing has two goals:

1. To make visible the ongoing dismantlement of the US government and slashing resources for public goods, while also privatizing them
2. To clarify and document for the record how these presidential actions impact our constitutional system and our communities across the country

Here are credible resources for background and research:

## **Economic Policy Institute (EPI): Federal Employment Data by Congressional District**

EPI provides comprehensive data on the number of federal workers residing in each state, county, and congressional district. This information is crucial for assessing how executive actions affecting federal employment may impact specific regions. [Economic Policy Institute](#)

## **Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF): Executive Order Tracker**

The CBCF maintains a tracker that details the status and analyses of executive orders, focusing on their impact on Black communities. While not exclusively organized by congressional district, it provides valuable information on how these orders affect specific demographics across various regions. [Congressional Black Caucus Foundation+Congressional Black Caucus Foundation+1](#)

## **Congressional Statements and Resources**

Your representative should have the latest data on how the Executive Orders impact their district. See [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) for details. You can also inquire by phone or drop by the district office. Some members of Congress have compiled resources and analyses related to the administration's executive actions and put them online. For example, Tennessee Representative Steve Cohen's [website features](#) a tracker of harmful executive actions, which may include district-specific information.

Here is the [Committee Document Repository](#) in the House of Representatives with all official committee testimony from hearings.

## **Brookings Institution also has a Regulation [Tracker](#)**

[Carnegie Endowment for International Peace](#) offers current global perspectives on the decline of US democracy, and [VDem](#) collects global data on democracy. [Just Security](#) and [Lawfare](#) discuss security implications and the rule of law.

## **Many US and international news sources offer credible reporting on the crisis:**

The New Republic, The New York Times, AP, ProPublica, NPR, Reuters, The Atlantic, Slate, Vanity Fair, Bloomberg, the Economist, BBC, The Guardian, Der Spiegel English, Tech Policy

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Press, PBS, Amanpour and Company, Lawfare, Christian Science Monitor, Wired, Notus, Roll Call, Politico, the Bulwark, The Hill, the New Yorker. AllSides will give you a spectrum of perspectives.

Make sure to check your local or regional nonprofit news organization. Here's [a locator](#). And here's [a list](#).

Substacks closely follows governance, and authoritarian trends. For example: Marc Elias, Chris Geider, Dahlia Lithwick, Tim Snyder, Jason Stanley, Don Moynihan, Ruth Ben-Ghiat, The Reform Compass, Steve Vladeck, Josh Chafetz, Jennifer Rubin, Compound Security by Ike Wilson (USA ret)

Bluesky is a social media platform with many insightful voices: start with "Emptywheel," aka Marcy Wheeler, and those she follows on "Congress Thinkers."

Podcasts on democracy and government: The Great Battlefield, America At A Crossroads, Free Forum with Terrence McNally, The Ezra Klein Show, The Good Fight with Yascha Mounk, Democracy Works, Factually with Adam Conover, On the Media, GovLove

[USA Spending](#) has state and county federal dollar awards

[USAFacts](#) has data-driven insights about federal spending and a DOGE newsletter

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