

Trump's First 100 Days In Office: Corruption, Self-Dealing and Chaos

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Instead of cutting costs for the American people, the first 100 days of Trump's second term in office have been marked by a tsunami of corruption, self-dealing and chaos. Every day demonstrates that this administration's foremost concern is to help themselves and their cronies - at the expense of hardworking American families.

This report summarizes **the top 100 most corrupt acts of the first 100 days of the Trump Administration**. As you will see, the primary focus has been to help Trump line his own pockets, reward his donors, and do favors for big corporations that give him money, all while driving up prices on everyone else.

"From stacking his administration with billionaire donors to selling White House access through a shameless cryptocurrency scam, Trump's first 100 days back in office have been a disgraceful display of outright greed and abuse of power. While working Americans are struggling to survive, Trump is openly lining his pockets and rewarding the megadonors who bought his way back into power—making it crystal clear that his loyalty lies with the wealthy, not the people."

- Tiffany Muller, President, End Citizens United

Summary of Trump's first 100 days:

- 1.) Trump Rewards Trump:** Trump has made sure that being back in the White House means more money in his pocket. He's manipulated the stock market with tariff threats, launched a cryptocurrency days before taking office that has been used by foreign investors and others to buy favor with the president, spent over \$18 million in taxpayer money at his golf courses, and First Lady Melania Trump even sold the rights to her life story for \$40 million to tech giant and donor Jeff Bezos. Similarly, Trump's team suggested to Warner Bros. Discovery that they could please the president by giving Donald Trump, Jr. a show on the Discovery Channel.
- 2.) Trump Rewards Donors:** Trump has appointed an unprecedented **13 billionaires to his cabinet**. These appointees contributed almost \$40 million to support his campaigns. Trump has also appointed another 10 inaugural donors (who gave a total of almost \$10 million) to ambassadorships. In addition to their blind loyalty to Trump, nearly every appointee is grossly underqualified and most of them stand to personally benefit from their position. **Trump's biggest donor, Elon Musk—who gave nearly \$300 million to get him elected—has been rewarded more than anyone else. Musk has gained unprecedented power and access to the federal government:** he's in line to take over a \$2 billion FAA contract, had independent investigations into his company shut down, aired a Tesla commercial on the White House lawn, and secured preferential treatment for his companies in winning taxpayer-funded contracts. On top of that, Musk's rise as an unelected bureaucrat at the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) has been catastrophic for millions of Americans.

3.) **Trump Rewards Big Corporations:** Trump was backed by big business both before and after his election, and he promised them that he would return the favor. He intends to make it harder and costlier for working families to file tax returns to keep Intuit—his \$1 million donor—happy. **Big Pharma donated nearly \$5 million to Trump, and in return, he restricted Medicare from negotiating prices on prescription drugs.** Trump threatened to take over Greenland in order to appease the tech giants, who collectively donated \$200 million dollars to his campaign. After soliciting millions from Big Oil and Big Gas during his campaign, Trump rewarded the industry by vowing to open up more drilling both offshore and on federal lands. Additionally, **Trump made it easier for big corporations to rip off consumers—ordering the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) to shut down and siding with Big Banks and Wall Street donors to scrap the cap on late fees,** leaving consumers vulnerable to mounting charges.

4.) **Trump Decimates Corruption Watchdogs:** Trump's first 100 days were characterized by decimating the people and agencies responsible for rooting out corruption in our government. On his very first day, Trump **ended ethics rules for the White House.** Trump fired independent inspectors general—**responsible for investigating corruption**—at 17 agencies. He also **paused enforcement of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act** and ordered Attorney General Bondi to scale back prosecutions under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, weakening efforts to crack down on foreign interference.

5.) **Trump Hurts Working Families:** While Trump's first 100 days were all about lining his own pockets and those of his biggest donors, it is the American people paying the price. In order to pay for his tax package, he is **threatening to cut hundreds of millions from Medicare.** His tariffs and unprovoked trade war could **raise costs on the average American household by over \$5,000/year.** And because of the economic chaos and uncertainty caused by Trump, one in four businesses have scaled back their hiring plans. **Federal government cuts have cost U.S. farmers over \$1 billion,** decimated the Department of Education, weakened programs that provide nutrition to seniors and children in poverty, and paused vital cancer and other health research.

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TRUMP REWARDS TRUMP

Using the White House to advance his own financial interests is a Trump hallmark. This term, Trump is spreading even more of the wealth to family, friends, and allies as he sows chaos in the country and across the world **all while quietly becoming a major cryptocurrency dealer even as he sets policy for the industry.**

Crypto Scams

1.) After years of deriding cryptocurrency, [Trump announced a federal “crypto stockpile” that included a digital currency owned by World Liberty Financial](#), which is largely owned by a Trump corporate entity. The president’s announcement spiked the value of World Liberty, which has unethically used Trump’s name while selling its cryptocurrency abroad at inflated prices.

2.) Melania Trump’s crypto team [dumped nearly \\$15 million](#) of the \$MELANIA cryptocurrency from late March to mid-April, resulting in a 95% drop from the coin’s peak price, **leaving investors holding the losses.**

Market Manipulation to Line His Own Pockets

3.) In his Truth Social post telling people to buy the dip, Trump signed off with his initials, DJT, which is also the stock ticker (\$DJT) for Trump Media & Technology Group Corp. **In total, \$DJT stock rose 22% on April 9. Because of Trump’s action, Trump himself and several appointees stand to gain from their stock in Trump Media & Technology (MTMG),** the parent of Truth Social, including Kash Patel, a shareholder and [MTMG board member](#), Linda McMahon, [shareholder](#) and Trump Secretary of Education, and [Pam Bondi](#).

4.) Because of Trump’s reversal tip, traders who placed call option bets on Trump Media & Technology Group Corp (Ticker \$DJT) also reaped huge profits, exiting the April 9th market with over a 300% profit, according to [Unusual Whales](#).

5.) Trump Media and Technology Group, the operator of Truth Social, announced it would begin offering investment accounts to allow people to invest in “American values and priorities.” Due to Trump’s family’s involvement in Trump Media and Technology Group, Trump’s economic decisions on tariffs and other policies can ensure the company’s investment strategies are successful.

6.) Two small companies, [Unusual Machines and Dominari](#), had large spikes in trade volume prior to the **announcements of Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump being appointed to the company boards.** An investment advisor stated, “this was clearly unusual,” and “that kind of volume in stocks this obscure doesn’t just happen.”

More Money for Mar-a-Lago, Other Resorts, and Sketchy Business Deals

7.) Trump called for Palestinians to be relocated out of Gaza and for the US to take over the land and turn it into the [“Riviera of the Middle East”](#) and **alluded to the idea that he could financially gain from a proposed Gaza development.**

8.) To stave off Trump tariff actions and gain favors from the Administration, Vietnam fast-tracked approval for a proposed [\\$1.5 billion Trump resort](#) that will personally enrich the Trump family.

9.) Trump’s team purportedly encouraged [Warner Bros. Discovery](#) to give Donald Trump, Jr. his own “**hunting and fishing” show on the Discovery Channel as a way to “curry favor” with President Trump** - pointing to Amazon paying Melania Trump \$40 million for a documentary on her life.

10.) In an effort to seal a merger deal between the two entities, Trump held a [White House meeting](#) between the PGA Tour and **Trump family business partner LIV Golf.**

11.) Trump’s **Mar-a-Lago resort is set to receive \$1.8 million on “security enhancements,”** [funded by taxpayers.](#)

12.) Trump’s frequent visits to his own Florida resort, spending almost every weekend since his inauguration at Mar-a-Lago [cost taxpayers an estimated \\$18.2 million](#) since the beginning of his second term.

13.) **Donald Trump Jr. and Lara Trump joined Salem Media as members of the company’s growth and content teams.** Salem Media acquired 30% of MxM news, a news aggregation service co-owned by Trump Jr., as part of the deal. Beyond financially benefiting the Trump family, it will allow them to [shape and bias the media landscape](#), with Trump Jr. stating Salem Media would become the home for “fearless, unapologetic conservative content.”

14.) Trump **solicited business executives to pay up to \$5 million** to meet with him at Mar-a-Lago.

TRUMP REWARDS DONORS

Trump has made it clear that he will place the desires of his allies and donors before the American people. In his second term, Trump rewards his loyalists with business opportunities, lucrative investments, insider trading tips and immunity from legal repercussions and scrutiny. Notably, Trump has rewarded his top donor, tech oligarch Elon Musk by granting him unprecedented power as an unelected bureaucrat who is leading the newly formed government entity, the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE).

The Musk Of It All

15.) Trump's [billionaire cabinet](#) represents the top 0.0001% worth over a combined \$460 billion.

16.) Elon Musk spent [\\$277 million dollars](#) to ensure that Trump was elected for a second term. In return, Musk has been in Trump's orbit and wielded unchecked influence that financially enriched himself and **is in line to take over a [\\$2 billion FAA contract](#)**.

17.) As a "[Special Government Employee](#)" and public leader for DOGE, Trump mega-donor Elon Musk has received unprecedented power and access in the federal government, allowing him to target federal departments that hold his companies accountable.

18.) **As a "special government employee," Elon Musk is conveniently able to [avoid filing public financial disclosure](#) and conflict of interest reports.** Instead, Musk will file a private financial disclosure statement. It is unclear who is responsible for reviewing his private financial disclosure statements.

19.) Musk stands to [dodge over \\$2.37 billion in legal liability](#) as a direct result of him gutting government systems through DOGE.

20.) As consumers across the globe soured on Tesla and its stock slumped, Trump used the White House South Lawn as a [Tesla showroom](#) in a blatant attempt to boost Musk's struggling company.

21.) **Trump's Department of Justice dropped a lawsuit against Elon Musk's SpaceX**, which alleged the company discriminated [against refugees and asylum seekers](#) when hiring.

22.) State Department records indicated the Trump Administration was seeking to purchase [\\$400 million worth of armored Teslas](#), a move the Administration abandoned after public criticism.

23.) The Federal Aviation Administration has begun using Musk's [Starlink](#), and the company has also been chosen as [an internet provider for the White House](#) – creating more government business for a Musk company.

24.) Musk's **SpaceX is a "frontrunner" to help build Trump's "Golden Dome" missile defense system**, potentially netting the company hundreds of billions of dollars in new government contracts.

25.) In March, *The New York Times* reported that Musk's [Starlink](#) **would be eligible to receive contracts in the \$42 billion rural broadband push by the federal government**, a priority of Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick.

26.) As Musk's [Neuralink](#) was being investigated by the USDA for animal abuse and animal testing violations over procedures involving its neural implant chip, **one of the USDA inspectors general involved in the Neuralink investigation was terminated by President Trump** in early February 2025.

27.) Musk-led DOGE [fired 20 members of the Food and Drug Administration](#) Office of Neurological and Physical Medicine Devices, which oversaw clinical trials and other reviews into Musk-owned Neuralink.

28.) Trump shut down the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, **thus [killing investigations into Musk companies](#)**, including a federal investigation into widespread racial harassment of Black employees at Tesla and audits of Tesla factories.

29.) During a call in December with [Interpublic Group](#), an advertising conglomerate, **X leadership delivered a clear message - their clients should spend more on the platform or they could face retribution from the Trump Administration**. The call occurred as the Interpublic Group was in the midst of a \$13 billion merger deal with Omnicom Group. Therefore, it was no surprise that after Trump's election, [advertisers began to return to X](#).

30.) DOGE has [accessed the personal private data of individuals](#) in the Education Department, Treasury Department, and Office of Personnel Management, and has been trying to gain access to private data held by the Social Security Administration.

31.) DOGE and Musk [violated federal record-keeping rules](#) by using message-disappearing app Signal to communicate government plans.

32.) A National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) [whistleblower](#) has revealed that Musk's DOGE employees took an inordinate amount of NLRB data once they gained access to the agency's systems and raised the possibility that the data included sensitive information on unions, ongoing legal cases and corporate secrets. Experts warn that Musk's actions are [data colonialism](#) and Musk is utilizing DOGE to data-extract so that his private companies can profit off of consumer information.

Misusing the Power of Government to Aid His Donors

33.) Trump administration officials requested that the IRS review an audit of [Trump-supporter Mike Lindell](#) because Lindell said he was unfairly targeted.

34.) Trump's [Inaugural Committee raised \\$239 million](#), significantly higher than the previous record held by Trump's first inaugural committee, which took in \$107 million. The largest contributors were crypto-company Ripple, Warren Stephens, who Trump selected as ambassador to Britain, and **poultry company Pilgrim's**. The Trump administration withdrew a Biden-era proposal that aimed to reduce Salmonella in raw poultry products. **This [rollback of safety standards](#) benefits Trump donor and poultry company Pilgrim's.**

35.) The investigation into Trump ally [Rep. Ogles](#), which involved Ogles' "pattern of malfeasance" in financial dealings and multiple complaints into his federal campaign finance disclosures, was withdrawn by the U.S. Attorney's Office following Trump's inauguration. Rep. Ogles has [proposed](#) an amendment to the Constitution to allow Trump to serve a third term.

36.) **Trump [pardoned](#) co-founders of crypto company BitMex** Benjamin Delo, Arthur Hayes, and Samuel Reed, who had previously pleaded guilty to flouting money laundering rules, signalling a loosening of cryptocurrency crime enforcement.

37.) **Justin Sun**, a Chinese-born crypto investor battling an SEC lawsuit over market manipulation, **purchased \$75 million in the Trump family crypto-company, [World Liberty Financial](#). Following Trump's inauguration, the SEC's investigation into Sun was [paused](#).**

38.) The Department of Justice [dropped charges](#) against Trump [donor](#) Jeff Fortenberry despite a California jury finding him guilty of lying to FBI agents about his knowledge of illegal campaign contributions from a foreign billionaire.

39.) **Trump [pardoned](#) a campaign donor Trevor Milton, who was convicted of fraud** for lying to investors in his electric truck business, Nikola.

40.) OpenAI CEO **Sam Altman donated millions of dollars to Trump**. In January, **Trump [announced](#) a \$500 billion investment in AI infrastructure [led by OpenAI](#)** and other top tech manufacturers.

41.) Fifty-eight corporations facing federal investigations and enforcement lawsuits collectively [gave \\$50 million to Trump's inaugural fund](#). Eleven of these corporations' cases have been dismissed and six more have been halted.

42.) On February 9, the **Trump Administration ordered the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) to [shut down](#)**. Following the announcement, Musk tweeted "CFPB RIP." **Tesla's financing practices had been the subject of hundreds of Consumer Financial Protection Bureau complaints.**

Rewarding Donors with Jobs and Opportunities

43.) Jared Isaacman, who [contributed](#) \$2 million to Trump's inaugural fund, was rewarded with a job as [NASA administrator](#).

44.) [Melissa Argyros \(Latvia\)](#), [Daniel Newlin \(Colombia\)](#), [Ken Howery \(Denmark\)](#), [Warren Stephens \(United Kingdom\)](#), and [Tilman Fertitta \(Italy\)](#) were all rewarded for their \$1+ million contributions to Trump's inaugural committee with ambassadorships.

45.) **Trump [paused enforcement](#) of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act for 180 days, clearing the way for contributors to conduct their overseas business ventures without fear of legal consequences.** Once Trump's review of the Act is complete, any prosecutions under the law must be specifically approved by Trump AG Pam Bondi.

Rewarding Donors with Special Access

46.) Trump hid the fact that he hosted a [private dinner](#) with tech oligarch Elon Musk where guests paid \$1 million dollars per seat. The dinner's invitation had a "MAGA INC" header. Trump did not list this event on the President's official schedule after

public backlash when Trump reported on the president's official schedule that he hosted a \$1 million-per-plate candlelit dinner at Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida two weeks prior.

47.) **Donald Trump Jr.** and conservative financier Omeed Malik **launched an exclusive nightclub, brazenly named [Executive Branch](#), that sells access to President Trump** and his Administration through an exclusive "membership" starting at \$500,000.

48.) After Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang paid \$1 million dollars to attend dinner at Mar-a-Lago, the White House announced it would not impose curbs on the H2O AI chip sold by Nvidia.

Making Sure His Rich Donors, Supporters and Cabinet Members Get Even Richer

49.) Trump tipped off insiders through Truth Social telling them "[THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO BUY!!! DJT](#)" just before he paused the international trade tariffs he had imposed days earlier. **Trump insiders who got the tip and "bought the dip" made millions.** According to market data from Unusual Whales, minutes prior to Trump's post on Truth Social telling people to buy, an unknown trader purchased a large quantity of call options in the SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust (Ticker \$SPY) that were set to expire the same day. The calls that the individual purchased were up 2100% in the hour following Trump's announcement of a tariff pause.

50.) Trump's Treasury Secretary **Scott Bessent stands to reap millions amidst the economic chaos Trump has created because Bessent has \$150 million in foreign currency bets placed.** When appointed, Bessent [disclosed](#) that his open position trades involved the U.S. dollar, the Euro, the Japanese yen, and offshore variants of the Chinese yuan.

51.) **While millions of Americans prepare for an economic recession amidst Trump's unprecedented global tariffs, Trump bragged about how his wealthy friends made millions from the tariff chaos:** "He made \$2.5 million today, and he made \$900 million! That's not bad," Trump [said](#), pointing to financial investor Charles Schwab and [Roger Penske](#), a NASCAR team owner, respectively."

52.) Trump's Attorney General Pam Bondi's office is actively engaged in matters that involve her brother's legal business. [Brad Bondi](#) represents clients in enforcement actions from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Department of Justice (DOJ), each of whom will be directly impacted by Bondi's role as Attorney General.

53.) Trump's Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert Kennedy Jr. stands to make millions from a [class action lawsuit questioning the safety of a medicine](#) regulated by his agency.

54.) On April 7, 2025, Trump ally Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene disclosed in a STOCK ACT [periodic transaction report](#) that **she purchased 17 individual stocks during the tariff dip**, most notably stock in home-furnishings retailer RH (Stock Ticker RH). Greene also purchased stock in Amazon, Apple, Berkshire Hathaway, Caterpillar, Dell Technologies, FedEx, IMPINJ, JP Morgan Chase, Lululemon, Lam Research, Nike, Norfolk Southern, Old Dominion Freight Line, QUALCOMM, Southern Co and United Parcel Service.

TRUMP REWARDS BIG CORPORATIONS

Trump does not hide from the fact that he will bow to the desires of his corporate donors in exchange for millions of dollars in contributions. From Big Oil tycoons enriching themselves, to Big Pharma calling the shots on prescription drug prices, to eliminating free tax-filing programs - Trump shows no shame when being beholden to corporate donors.

Siding with Big Banks and Wall Street

55.) Trump sided with Big Banks and Wall Street billionaires by asking a federal court to throw out [“a regulation capping credit card late fees at \\$8.”](#)

56.) Trump’s Treasury Secretary Scott [Bessent](#) told investors in a private event hosted by JP Morgan that “there will be a de-escalation” in regard to China tariffs. That same evening, Trump told reporters that [China tariffs would be reduced significantly](#), resulting in stock futures increasing over 2%.

57.) The Trump inaugural committee received \$1 million from [tax prep company Intuit](#), which along with other tax prep companies have spent millions [lobbying](#) against free, government-sponsored tax filing programs. The Trump administration has now announced plans to eliminate [the IRS Direct File program](#), **which allows free, simple tax filing for 32 million taxpayers.**

Rewarding Big Oil

58.) Trump’s Interior Secretary Doug Burgum leases land to Continental Resources, a Trump benefactor with significant oil and natural gas interests, and has a close friendship with the [company founder Harold Hamm](#). In his [first act as Interior Secretary](#), Burgum set a Department vision to review all agency actions that could “burden” domestic energy and to expand oil and gas exploration and leases, providing more financial opportunities to companies like Continental Resources.

59.) Trump’s Secretary of Transportation and [former Polaris lobbyist](#) Sean Duffy’s [first official action](#) was to order a rollback of fuel economy rules that will directly benefit Polaris, an off-road vehicle and RV manufacturer.

60.) Trump nominated Project 2025 architect and major campaign donor [Kathleen Sgamma](#) to be the Director of the Bureau of Land Management. Sgamma is a Big Oil insider and co-authored the playbook on how to turn public lands into a [“playground for extractive industries.”](#)

61.) Trump received a **\$2 million donation from [Chevron](#) to his inauguration fund and \$1 million from Occidental Petroleum, ExxonMobil, and ConocoPhillips.** He then signed an [executive order to withdraw the United States from the Paris climate accords](#) and opened more coastal waters to offshore drilling.

Caving to Big Pharma

62.) Trump caved to his [Big Pharma donors](#) by [preventing Medicare from negotiating prices](#) on prescription drugs.

Big Tech

63.) Apple CEO Tim Cook [contributed \\$1 million](#) to Trump’s inaugural fund. That investment paid off when [Trump allowed smartphones and other electronics](#) critical to Apple’s business to be exempt from China tariffs. [Trump said](#) he “helped Tim Cook recently,” making it clear who the electronics exemption was benefitting.

64.) After the tech industry contributed over \$200 million to his campaign, Trump began talking more about a United States takeover of [Greenland](#). Greenland has large reserves of rare earth metals, crucial for tech companies, with Sam Altman and Jeff Bezos, [who gave money to Trump’s inauguration fund](#), already heavily investing in a mineral exploration company with work in Greenland.

TRUMP DECIMATES CORRUPTION WATCHDOGS

Trump's first 100 days were characterized by decimating the very people and agencies responsible for rooting out corruption in our government. On his very first day, Trump ended ethics rules for the White House. He fired independent inspectors general, who are responsible for investigating corruption, at 17 agencies. And Trump has limited efforts to crack down on foreign interference by pausing enforcement of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and ordering Attorney General Bondi to limit criminal prosecutions based on the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

Firing The Watchdogs

65.) Trump **fired independent inspector generals at 17 agencies**, ignoring federal law and removing the possibility that outside auditors will review how his Cabinet secretaries operate.

66.) Trump illegally **fired** FEC Commissioner and vocal Trump critic, Ellen Weintraub. **Elected officials on both sides of the aisle agreed that this move was unprecedented and illegal.** In an [amicus brief](#) Weintraub filed in a case challenging Trump's [executive order](#) to take control of the FEC (but not related to her own status), her attorneys reiterated that her firing was unlawful, citing a 1993 court ruling that the president can "likely" fire a commissioner only "for good cause."

67.) Trump signed an Executive Order placing formerly independent agencies under his control. Trump justified this change due to independent agencies having "[exercised enormous power over the American people without Presidential oversight.](#)" The independent agencies that will be under Trump's supervision will be the Federal Trade Commission, Federal Communications Commission, and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Ending Executive Ethics

68.) Trump [signed an executive order](#) that eliminated a Biden Administration executive order that required every executive agency appointee to sign an ethics pledge.

69.) Trump [repealed the Biden Administration Executive order](#) that "prohibited the appointees' connections with lobbyist activities such as **receiving gifts and leveraging the 'revolving door' status of their position to later secure more favorable private and foreign job prospects**, until at least two years after their service."

Inviting In More Corrupt Foreign Interference

70.) Trump [paused](#) the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) which would halt investigations and enforcement actions under the FCPA for a 180-day review which **signals a loosening in the way the US approaches corporate antibribery enforcement.**

71.) Trump Attorney General Pam Bondi announced a shift in the enforcement of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) which would [restrict criminal charges under FARA](#) to cases involving "conduct similar to more traditional espionage by foreign government actors."

72.) In addition to the restriction of criminal charges under FARA, Bondi's memorandum also "[dismantles](#) the Foreign Influence Task Force and the National Security Division's Corporate Enforcement Unit."

73.) Bondi's memorandum on the FARA [included disbanding the Corporate Enforcement and Compliance \(CEC\) Unit.](#) The CEC was responsible for all aspects of the Fraud Section's corporate criminal enforcement practices. The CEC unit provided "advising prosecution teams on the structural, monetary, and compliance components of corporate resolutions; evaluating corporate compliance programs and determining whether an independent compliance monitor should be imposed as part of a corporate resolution; and overseeing post-resolution matters, including the selection and oversight of monitors and compliance and reporting obligations."

TRUMP HURTS WORKING FAMILIES

Trump ran for president promising to help working families by bringing down costs. But it is clear just 100 days in that his administration costs working families more in order to line the pockets of him and his big donors.

Making Life Harder for Seniors, Children, and Americans in Rural Communities

74.) Trump's sweeping government layoffs include [gutting](#) the Administration for Community Living (ACL). The ACL funds programs that run senior centers and distributes 216 million meals a year to older and disabled people. **This cut will impact tens of millions older adults, people living with disabilities, and their caregivers.**

75.) Trump's [federal government cuts have hurt farmers](#), cutting over \$1 billion in the Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement and the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement, which pays farmers to provide schools and food banks with local produce.

76.) Trump's [government cuts have taken](#) food off the table for rural communities whose residents rely on food banks for regular meals. In Iowa, over \$11 million was cut from programs to buy students and food banks food – in Arizona it was \$21 million, and Delaware lost \$2 million.

77.) Trump's widespread termination of education grants has left students without crucial programs for success. This includes several programs [providing resources to students with disabilities](#), [after school and tutoring programs](#), and [youth literacy camps](#).

The Widespread Impact of Tariffs

78.) Trump's tariffs have forced autoworkers into unemployment, with [Stellantis laying off 900](#) U.S. workers across five worksites. The [550,000 workers who rely on autopart imports](#) are also at risk of job losses as **tariffs are causing companies to shift exports away from the United States to avoid tariff costs.**

79.) [Due to Trump's tariffs](#), approximately 25% of companies are reducing plans to hire new employees. Trump's tariffs are hurting both the opportunities of prospective employees and businesses from expanding.

80.) Trump's tariff policy will further [exacerbate income inequality and cost of living concerns](#), increasing the costs of essentials, including groceries, clothing, and home appliances. The tariffs could [increase annual household spending](#) by over \$5,200.

Stopping Essential Research and Training

81.) Trump [cancelled over \\$11 billion in grants](#) to treat addiction and mental health.

82.) The Trump administration has [drastically cut HHS staff](#), resulting in the elimination of \$4 billion from life-saving disease outbreak research, tests, and vaccine research.

83.) The Trump Administration laid off over 800 people from the FDA agency responsible for new drug approvals as well as monitoring unexpected side effects. Former FDA Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb wondered aloud whether the US will go through a ["drug lag,"](#) and if Americans will struggle to get access to medicine and treatments.

84.) Trump has [cancelled a National Institute of Health grant](#) that funded a research program to protect pregnant women from domestic violence.

85.) The Trump administration has [diminished research](#) and [physical efforts](#) to prepare communities for natural disasters. **Trump is planning to drastically cut climate research that plays a role in hurricane forecasting and programs** that help communities proactively construct raised roads to protect from floodwater.

86.) Trump's attack on universities has led to schools having to stop critical research for health, national security, and communications programs. Cornell [stated that impacted grants include research](#) on jet engines, cancer research, and satellite communications. Northwestern said [federal funds](#) are used to research treatments to Alzheimer's disease and upgrades to pacemakers and other medical tools.

87.) Trump [cancelled over 100 teacher training programs](#) intended to address the U.S. teacher shortage. **The cancelled programs provided over \$600 million in grants for training**, with data showing the programs increase teacher retention. The College of New Jersey has canceled a teacher-residency program and Boston Public Schools have had to let go staff due to the Trump administration's budget decisions.

88.) Trump's attack on federal grants [has cancelled funding for a nationwide tree-planting effort](#), which residents of New Orleans said would be critical to regaining trees that are lost from Hurricane Katrina. The trees would reduce city heat, improve air quality, and absorb stormwater, which is critical to cities like New Orleans that face risks of hurricanes.

Making Everything More Expensive

89.) To pay for billions in tax cuts for his wealthiest supporters, Trump intends to, and in many cases already has, cut programs that help everyday Americans. The Trump-dictated [GOP reconciliation budget blueprint](#) would cut billions in critical programs to pay for tax cuts for the wealthy, with the GOP refusing to rule out cuts to Medicaid as part of the budget.

90.) Trump [raised nearly \\$5 million from the pharmaceutical industry](#) during his 2024 campaign. Upon taking office, Trump signed an executive order instructing the Department of Health and Human Services to work with Congress to restrict Medicare from negotiating prescription drug prices on pills and capsules after a drug is on the market for 13 years, instead of nine years as it is now. This is supported by the pharmaceutical industry that has been seeking to push back when medications were eligible for Medicare price negotiations.

91.) Trump's freeze of over [\\$60 million of affordable housing funds](#) has paused construction of numerous affordable housing projects.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRUPTION, CHAOS, AND SELF-DEALING

Trump has used the Office of the President to dole out favors to as many allies as he can while punishing people he thinks worked against him – or even just disagree with him.

Helping His Cronies

92.) Trump [commuted the sentences of Jason Galanis](#) and [Devon Archer](#), who both helped Republicans politicize efforts to impeach President Biden and testified to Congress as a former associate of Hunter Biden. Galanis was sentenced to over 14 years in prison for a bond scheme that defrauded pension fund investors and the Oglala Sioux tribe. Archer was also convicted and sentenced in the same scheme.

93.) Trump restored Mel Gibson's gun privileges after the ardent Trump supporter and Trump Special Ambassador lost his gun rights following a domestic violence conviction. That led to U.S. pardon attorney Elizabeth Oyer getting [fired](#). Oyer said that pardon decisions were being made “based on relationships and loyalty, not based on factor or expertise.”

94.) Trump named Fox News personality [Sara Carter](#) to be the next “Drug Czar.” Carter has [no prior experience in drug policy, public health, or law enforcement](#).

95.) Trump has [proposed a “Gold Card”](#) which would allow wealthy foreigners to purchase a pathway for citizenship for \$5 million. The proposal would remove guardrails to prevent rich individuals from purchasing citizenship that is present in current investment visas, **with Trump saying Russian oligarchs could possibly be eligible under the program.**

96.) With more than 100 million Americans facing unprecedented cuts to their health care under the Trump budget plan that House Republicans passed to protect their billionaire donors, **70% of these same lawmakers could [financially benefit from their own tax plan](#)**, according to Accountable.US's Cash in Congress data report.

Taking Action Against “Enemies”

97.) In a hit to consumer protections, Trump [fired](#) the director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Rohit Chopra, who helped remove medical debt from credit reports and limited overdraft penalties.

98.) In a push to punish his perceived enemies in the legal profession, [Trump has extorted multiple major law firms, demanding \\$940 million in free legal services to avoid punitive actions from the president.](#)

99.) Trump has [shaken down multiple universities](#), threatening to withhold billions in federal research dollars because they perceive the institutions to be hostile to conservatives.

100.) Almost immediately upon taking the oath of office in his second term, [Trump directed federal government agencies](#) to compile lists of private companies with DEI policies for potential federal investigation.