# Eye on the World November 15, 2025

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# **Compiled by Dave Havir**

**Luke 21:34-36**—"But take heed to yourselves, lest your souls be weighed down with self-indulgence, and drunkenness, or the anxieties of this life, and that day come on you suddenly, like a falling trap; for it will come on all dwellers on the face of the whole earth. But beware of slumbering; and every moment pray that you may be fully strengthened to escape from all these coming evils, and to take your stand in the presence of the Son of Man" (Weymouth New Testament).

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An article by (Kentucky Senator) Rand Paul titled "Jack Smith's 'Arctic Frost' Spies Snooped on Congress – Time to Rein in the Spooks" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 9, 2025. Following is the article

Advocates for government surveillance often argue that if you have nothing to hide, you have nothing to fear.

I'm sure Jack Smith, the special counsel President Joe Biden appointed to do whatever it takes to bring down Donald Trump, took solace in that bromide as he rifled through the personal data of 10 members of Congress – illegally attempting lawfare to implicate these elected officials in some contrived insurrection.

Arctic Frost is the chilly name the FBI gave its unconstitutional fishing expedition. How could such an abuse of power occur in a nation famous for its protections against unreasonable searches and seizures, enshrined in the Fourth Amendment?

Well, the story of government's abuse of search-and-seizure power is long – and in the modern era, it largely begins with litigation concerning the privacy of one's phone.

In 1928, the Supreme Court in Olmstead vs. United States ruled that federal agents who installed government wiretaps on an alleged criminal's phone did not violate the Fourth Amendment – because the wiretap did not involve a trespass on his property.

Justice Louis Brandeis dissented, famously writing that our Founders "conferred, as against the

Government, the right to be let alone – the most comprehensive of rights, and the right most valued by civilized men. To protect that right, every unjustifiable intrusion by the Government upon the privacy of the individual, whatever the means employed, must be deemed a violation of the Fourth Amendment."

Olmstead governed the constitutional treatment of phone calls until 1968, when the Supreme Court changed the standard.

In Katz vs. United States, the justices rules that the Fourth Amendment includes an expectation of privacy in the content of one's calls, and that a physical intrusion was unnecessary to claim its protections.

Yet in the 1979 case Smith vs. Maryland, the court ruled that Americans can claim *no* legitimate expectation of privacy in the phone numbers they dial, because that information is shared with the phone company.

As Justice Thurgood Marshall presciently warned in his dissent: "Unless a person is prepared to forgo use of what for many has become a personal or professional necessity, he cannot help but accept the risk of surveillance."

When the cell phone era arrived, government spooks discovered a treasure trove of information could be gleaned from the metadata associated with phone calls.

Simply analyzing who you called, how long you spoke and your geolocation could typically reveal very personal medical problems, psychiatric disease, and even one's religion – studies found.

In a landmark 2018 ruling, Carpenter vs. United States, the Supreme Court finally revisited the issue – and Chief Justice John Roberts, writing for the majority, concluded that individuals do have a legitimate privacy interest in their geolocation.

But Jack Smith (the left's ballyhooed hero) apparently never got around to reading Carpenter. He used unconstitutional subpoenas to obtain the geolocations of 10 Republican senators and House members in the days before and after January 6, 2021.

We can, and we should, be outraged by this abuse of power. But rather than rage, I'd prefer to pass legislation to prevent the government from such unconstitutional spying.

Jack Smith's actions should serve as a stark reminder that Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (the much abused government authority to conduct mass warrantless surveillance) will sunset this upcoming April.

You can be assured that apologists for the surveillance state will use that opportunity to attempt to grab even greater authority to spy on Americans.

My Fourth Amendment Restoration and Protection Act is the only way to prevent a future Jack Smith from abusing surveillance power.

My bill would require the government to obtain an order from Article III courts (not from the secret FISA court) to surveil citizens, and would prohibit agents from conducting queries (that is, electronic searches of communications collected by government spied) on Americans.

Congress can reinvigorate the Fourth Amendment by ensuring that no American will be subject to warrantless spying and the orders of an unaccountable secret court.

Many of President Trump's allies have opposed my bill because they live in a world of fear.

They may have truly believed that they had nothing to hide, and therefore could not be harmed.

Now that some of these same people have been ensnared in Jack Smith's illegal surveillance, maybe, just maybe, they will trade in the "nothing to fear" doctrine – and instead adopt the timetested, deservedly honored tradition that all Americans are presumed to be innocent until proven guilty.

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An article by Adam Pack titled "Eight Senate Democratic Caucus Members Defy Chuck Schumer to Advance Deal That Would End Shutdown [Five Democrats Joined the Three Other Caucus Members Who Had Repeatedly Voted With the Republicans]" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 9, 2025. Following are excerpt of the article

Forty days into the longest government shutdown in history, eight members of the Senate Democratic Caucus bucked Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer to support a deal that will end the government shutdown.

Lawmakers voted 60 to 40 to advance a House-passed clean continuing resolution (CR) Sunday night that had previously failed to clear the Senate's 60-vote threshold 14 times.

Here are the five new Democrat Senators who finally voted with the Republicans.

- Dick Durban Illinois Democrat (Senate Minority Whip)
- Maggie Hassan New Hampshire Democrat
- Tim Kaine Virginia Democrat
- Jacky Rosen Nevada Democrat
- Jeanne Shaheen New Hampshire Democrat

Here are the three caucus members who repeatedly voted with the Republicans.

- Catherine Cortez Masto Nevada Democrat
- John Fetterman Pennsylvania Democrat
- Angus King Maine Independent

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"Eye on the World" comment: The following headlines involve articles that are considered international. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

# **Artificial Intelligence**

- An article by Staff titled "Humans Can No Longer Tell A.I. Music From the Real Thing: Survey [From a Survey Conducted for France-Based Streaming Platform Deezer]" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 12, 2025.
- An article by John Nolte titled "America's Number-One Country Song ('Walk My Walk') Is A.I.-Generated" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 12, 2025.
- An article by Paul Bois titled "Morgan Freeman Says His 'Lawyers Have Been Very Busy' Cracking Down on Unauthorized A.I. Use of His Voice" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 13, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "ElevenLabs Signs [Michael] Caine, [Matthew] McConaughey for Voice Marketplace" was posted at techbuzz.ai on Nov. 13, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Which Major Power Can Best Control Future of A.I.? Public Opinion Split Worldwide" was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 14, 2025.
  - Highest confidence = European Union
  - Next level of confidence = United States and China
- An article by Shahar Yaari titled "Artificial Intelligence Is Reshaping Online Shopping but When A.I. Buys, Who's Liable?" was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 15, 2025.

# Russia-Ukraine war – general news

- An article by Staff titled "Where's Putin? How the Kremlin Hides His Location With Three Nearly Identical Offices" was posted at americanmilitarynews.com on Nov. 11, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Russia Ready to Resume Talks With Ukraine in Istanbul" was posted at newsmax.com on Nov. 12, 2025.
- An article by John Hayward titled "Corruption Scandal Prompts Major Resignations in Government of Ukraine" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 13, 2025.
- An article by Tom O'Connor titled "Advancing in Ukraine, Russia Troops Are Losing Ground to Al-Qaeda in Africa" was posted at newsweek.com on Nov. 14, 2025.

# Remembering October 7

- An article by Staff titled "Haunted by Horror: October 7 Survivor Torn as Kibbutz Rebuilds the Fear Persists After Hamas Massacre" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 13, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Israeli Foreign Ministry Condemns Syrian Culture Ministry's Musical Celebration of October 7" was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 14, 2025.

#### No Turkish forces in Gaza

• An article by Staff titled "Israeli Government Spokesperson [Shosh Bedrosian] Rules Out Turkish Forces in Gaza" was posted at newsmax.com on Nov. 9, 2025.

#### **Anti-Semitism – international**

- An article by Michael Starr titled "France Poll: 68% Believe Anti-Semitism Is Widespread in Country" was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 13, 2025.
- An article by Michael Starr titled "United Kingdom Growing Increasingly Hostile to Jews, Israel Advocacy Movement Founder Tells 'Post'" was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 14, 2025.
- An article by Philissa Cramer titled "British University [University College London] Bars Academic Who Repeated Anti-Semitic Libels in Lecture to Students for Justice in Palestine" was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 14, 2025.
- An article by David Ben-Basat titled "Between Hatred and Anti-Semitism: Suspended Hebrew U Professor Finds New Job at Princeton" was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 14, 2025.

# **More articles – Jerusalem Post**

- An article by Staff titled "Israel Considering Tax Exemption for New Immigrants During First Two Years of Residency" was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 6, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Hamas Quietly Reasserts Control in Gaza as Post-War Talks Grind On" was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 14, 2025.

#### Iran

• An article by Shane Galvin titled "Iran in Crisis as Major Drought Forces Regime to Cut Off Water to Tehran, Consider Evacuation" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 8, 2025.

# Comments about China – general

• A Reuters article by Ryan Woo titled "China Warns Japan of 'Crushing' Defeat, Tells Chinese Citizens to Shun Visits" was posted at reuters.com on Nov. 14, 2025.

#### **Comments about China and Taiwan**

• An article by Staff titled "U.S. Approves Potential \$330 Million Military Sale to Taiwan – First Under Trump" was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 14, 2025.

#### **Covid – International comments**

• An article by Nicole Silverio titled "Piers Morgan Apologizes to Tennis Star [Novak Djokovic] After Previously Criticizing Him for Not Getting Covid Jab" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 12, 2025.

# Climate agenda – international

- An article by Audrey Streb titled "Cows Drop Like Flies After Greenie Government Policy [in Denmark] Promotes Drugged Feed" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 6, 2025.
- An article by Kurt Zindulka titled "COP30: Swedish King Questions Why Europe Has to Foot the Bill for Climate Change" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 12, 2025.

#### International – electric vehicles

• An article by Jijo Malayil titled "Toyota's New Solid-State Batteries Promise 40 Years of Power, Longer EV Range" was posted at interestingengineering.com on Nov. 9, 2025.

# International – transgender news

• An article by Warner Todd Huston titled "Report: IOC Set to Ban Men Identifying as Women From All Female Olympic Events" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 10, 2025.

# JK Rowling – strong against the transgender tide

• An article by titled "Another Harry Potter Event Breaks Ticket Sales Records, Much to Dismay of Anti-JK Rowling Activists" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 11, 2025.

#### **Earthquakes in Cyprus**

- An article by Michele Kambas titled "Cyprus Shaken by 5.3 Magnitude Earthquake" was posted at independent.co.uk on Nov. 12, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Second Earthquake Strikes Cyprus, Felt in Israel" was posted at ynetnews.com on Nov. 12, 2025.

#### Delhi, India

• An article by Ronny Reyes titled "Delhi [India] Red Fort Car Explosion Kills 8, Injures 20 – as Previous Owner Is Arrested" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 10, 2025.

#### Venezuela

- An article by Staff titled "Venezuela Mobilizes Forces as U.S. Carrier Enters Caribbean, Escalating Tensions" was posted at newsmax.com on Nov. 12, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Trump Sends America's Largest Aircraft Carrier to Caribbean Amid Rising Tensions With Venezuela" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 12, 2025.

#### France – many terror attacks

• An article by Kurt Zindulka titled "France Averaged a Deadly Terror Attack Every Six Months Over Past Decade" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 13, 2025.

# **German immigration**

- An article by Kurt Zindulka titled "German People Increasingly Concerned for Safety in Public Spaces, Fear Doubled Since Migrant Crisis" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 8, 2025.
- An article by Daniel Greenfield titled "Will Germany Deport 1.2 Million Syrian 'Refugees'?" was posted at frontpagemag.com on Nov. 9, 2025.

#### Russian – Muslim migrants

- An article by John Hayward titled "Reports: Russians Increasingly Frustrated at Muslim Migrants Praying in Public" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 11, 2025.
- An article by Ben McCaffrey titled "Russians Fuming With Muslim Migrants Praying in Public as Putin's Cities 'Don't Have Enough Mosques'" was posted at gbnews.com (Great Britain's News Channel) on Nov. 13, 2025.

#### Javier Milei

• An article by Frances Martel titled "Javier Milei Comforts Post-Mamdani America: 'Don't Let Yourself Be Intimidated' by Local Socialist Victory" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov 7, 2025.

# Corporate media – BBC's defamation of Trump

• An article by Mark Tanos titled "'There Have Been Some Mistakes Made': Two Top BBC Officials [BBC Director General Tim Davie and CEO of News Deborah Turness] Resign

Over Trump Documentary Edits" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 9, 2025.

- An article by Staff titled "BBC to Apologize for Doctored Trump Speech" was posted at newsmax.com on Nov. 9, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Trump Plans to Sue BBC for Defamation Over Doctored January 6 Speech" was posted at thenationalpulse.com on Nov. 10, 2025.
- An article by Amy Curtis titled "The BBC's Lies Extend Beyond Deceptive Edits of Trump Speeches" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 11, 2025.

### Corporate media – BBC's mistakes with Gaza war

• An article by Harold Hutchison titled "BBC's Arabic Outlet Reportedly Made 100 Mistakes Each Year About Gaza War" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 10, 2025.

#### International news - miscellaneous

- An article by Andrew Powell titled "188 Dead, 135 Missing After Typhoon Kalmaegi Slams Philippines" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 7, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "This Western Country [Spain] Is Offering Parents Cash Incentives to Boost Birth Rate" was posted at thenationalpulse.com on Nov. 9, 2025.
- An article by Sujita Sinha titled "No More Radioactive Landfills: Finland to Turn Nuclear Plant Waste Into Clean Energy" was posted at interestingengineering.com on Nov. 12, 2025.
- An article by Noel Yaxley titled "No More Stiff Upper Lip: My Fellow Brits Are Fed Up With 'Diversity'" was posted at theblaze.com on Nov. 12, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Afghanistan Shifts Trade to Iran Route to Avoid Pakistan Closures" was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 14, 2025.
- An article by Christian K. Caruzo titled "Trump Announces Trade Deals Throughout Latin America" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 14, 2025.

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Which political party is threatening Democracy?

• An article by Kevin Finn titled "The Left Wants to Save Democracy by Destroying It" was posted at americanthinker.com on Nov. 8, 2025.

#### **Arctic Frost**

- An article by Staff titled "Obama Judge Who Greenlit Secret Subpoenas Targeting GOP [James Boasberg] Hit With Ethics Complaint" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 8, 2025.
- An article by Nicholas Ballasy titled "Most Voters Favor Impeaching Judge Boasberg Over 'Arctic Frost' Scandal, Poll Shows" was posted at justthenews.com on Nov. 8, 2025.
- An article by Adam Pack titled "Shutdown Deal Will Allow Senators to Sue Over 'Arctic Frost' Probe" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 11, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Biden's Bastard (Jack Smith) Tried to Spy on Speaker of the House in Arctic Frost Probe" was posted at thenational pulse.com on Nov. 13, 2025.

#### Trump and critical minerals

• An article by Audrey Streb titled "Trump Administration to Dish Out \$355 Million and Loosen China's Critical Mineral Vice Grip" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 14, 2025.

### Nancy Pelosi – raked in millions

• An article by Staff titled "Nancy Pelosi Made \$130 Million in Stock Profits During Congress Career – a Return of 16,930%" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 8, 2025.

# 47 members of Congress – not seeking reelection

• An article by Arjun Singh titled "Who Are the 47 Members of Congress Not Seeking Reelection?" was posted at theepochtimes.com on Nov. 13, 2025.

#### John Fetterman – comments on many issues

- An article by Ian Hanchett titled "Fetterman: ACA Subsidies Weren't Being Taken Away by GOP, Democrats 'Designed Those Tax Credits to Expire'" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 11, 2025.
- An article by Pam Key titled "Fetterman Rejects 'Lecture' From 'Extreme Democrats on Shutdown" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 11, 2025.
- An article by Jason Cohen titled "John Fetterman Stuns CNN's Dana Bush by Telling Her How Cruel Left Is" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 12, 2025.

• An article by Jason Cohen titled "John Fetterman Doesn't Bite as Katie Couric Prods Him to Condemn Charlie Kirk" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 13, 2025.

# After Schumer government shutdown disaster – Democrats try Epstein ploy

- An article by Miranda Devine titled "The Left Is Pushing Another Desperate Anti-Trump Hoax a False Epstein Smear Campaign [to Distract From the Democrat Government Shutdown]" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 12, 2025.
- An article by Mark Hemingway titled "Latest Epstein Emails About Trump Appear to Be Just Another Misleading Democrat Information Operation" was posted at thefederalist.com on Nov. 12, 2025.
- An article by Matt Vespa titled "And With That Development, the Democrats' Latest Trump-Epstein Stunt Has Imploded" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 12, 2025.
- An article by Jorge Bonilla titled "Angry Networks, Eager to Pivot From Failed Shutdown, Lead With Epstein Slop" was posted at newsbusters.org on Nov. 13, 2025.
- An article by Harold Hutchison titled "John Fetterman Takes Shot at Democrats for Not Releasing Epstein Files When Biden Was President" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 13, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Stephen A. Smith Rips Democrats for Only Caring About Epstein Files Under Trump" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 13, 2025.
- An article by Natalie Sandoval titled "Democrats Keep Waiting for Trump Bombshell in Epstein Files We're Getting Other Golden Nuggets Instead" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 13, 2025.

#### Schumer's own words – he previously called government shutdown "politics of idiocy"

• A post by Congressman Nick LaLota titled "By Schumer's Own Words, He Is Practicing the Politics of Idiocy [Because Schumer Said in 2013: 'What If I Persuaded My Caucus to Say I'm Going to Shut the Government Down? I'm Going to Not Pay Our Bills Unless I Get My Way. It's a Politics of Idiocy, of Confrontation, of Paralysis']" was posted at facebook.com on Nov. 2, 2025.

# Democrat leadership – voted for this "same clean CR" several times

• Looking back to October 2025, a video titled "Democratic Leadership Voted 13 Times for the Same Clean CR Under the Biden Administration" was posted at facebook.com on Oct. 8, 2025.

#### Schumer's government shutdown – chose not to pay troops and law enforcement

- An article by Adam Pack titled "Just 3 Democrats Vote to Pay Troops, Law Enforcement 38 Days Into Their Shutdown" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 7, 2025.
  - Ben Ray Lujan New Mexico
  - Jon Ossoff Georgia
  - Raphael Warnock Georgia

# Schumer's government shutdown – finally ends

- Looking back to October 2025, an article by Staff titled "Lawmakers Slowly Realize It's Easy to Start a Shutdown but It's Hard to End One" was posted at notus.org on Oct. 6, 2025.
- An article by Ryan King titled "Senate Advances Deal to End Shutdown After Democrats Cave Sparking Party Civil War" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 9, 2025.
- An article by Hugh Hewitt titled "Senator Chuck Schumer's Epic Face Plant" was posted at foxnews.com on Nov. 11, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Shutdown Deal Sparks Latest Round of Democrat Infighting" was posted at politico.com on Nov. 12, 2025.
- An article by Adam Pack titled "Chris Murphy Suggest Democrat Colleagues Who Voted to End Shutdown Acted Against Democracy" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 13, 2025.
- An article by Nora Moriarty titled "[Vice President JD] Vance Faults Democrats for Previously Rejecting 'Exact Deal' That Reopened the Government: 'All for Nothing'" was posted at foxnews.com on Nov. 13, 2025.
- An article by James Franey titled "Squabbling Lawmakers Made \$20,000 Each During Longest Government Shutdown in History" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 13, 2025.
- An article by Nick Gilbertson titled "White House: Democrat Shutdown Cost \$15 Billion a Week, Unemployment Rate for October Will Never Be Known" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 13, 2025.

# Some Democrats – say government shutdown was worth it

• An article by Hannah Knudsen titled "Democrat Senators [John Hickenlooper of Colorado and Jack Reed of Rhode Island] Say Government Shutdown Was 'Worth It'" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 13, 2025.

# **Media reaction – Schumer government shutdown**

• An article by Bill D'Agostino titled "Study: TV News Spends Shutdown Playing Defense

for Democrats" was posted at newsbusters.org on Nov. 5, 2025.

- An article by Brittany Bernstein titled "Left-Wing Media Outraged That Democrats Came to Their Senses on the Shutdown" was posted at Nov. 10, 2025.
- A video and an article by Josh Dickey titled "Watch: Geraldo Rivera Says Democrats 'Had the Losing Hand' on Shutdown: 'Can't Run a Government by Blackmail' "were posted at thewrap.com on Nov. 10, 2025.

# **MSNBC** perspective

- Looking back to October 2025, an article by Kevin Frey titled "Democrats Embrace the Shutdown as Necessary Tool in 'Ridiculously Abnormal Times'" was posted at msnbc.com on Oct. 9, 2025.
- An article by Michael A. Cohen titled "Democrats Are Winning the Shutdown. Now Comes the Hard Part [Watching People Going Hungry]" was posted at msnbc.com on Oct. 31, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "How the Shutdown Is Laying the Groundwork for Democrats in 2026 [by Placing Health Care in the Limelight]" was posted at msnbc.com on Nov. 3, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Joe Scarborough Spends Over 2 Minutes Declaring Democrats Won Government Shutdown" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 10, 2025.
- A video titled "Shutdown End Could Be in Sight as Senate Democrats Fracture" was posted at msnbc.com on Nov. 10, 2025.
- An article by Nicole Silverio titled "MSNBC Panelists Rage at Democrats for Getting 'Nothing in Return' After Shutting Government Down" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 10, 2025.
- An article by Erum Salam titled "Democratic White House Hopefuls [Including Gavin Newsom, JB Pritzker, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Pete Buttigieg Amy Klobuchar and Pete Buttigieg] Blast the Shutdown Deal" was posted at msnbc.com on Nov. 10, 2025.

#### **Media – general comments**

• An article by Tim Graham titled "Partisan Tilt: PolitiFact Hammers Trump and GOP as Liars, Goes Soft on Democrats" was posted at newsbusters.org on Nov. 12, 2025.

#### **Much criticism toward Chuck Schumer**

- An article by Scott McClallen titled "Schumer Retreated Mid-Questioning When Pressed on Written ACA Fix" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 8, 2025.
- An article by Robert Birsel titled "Chuck Schumer Faces Democratic Fury After Government Shutdown Deal" was posted at newsweek.com on Nov. 10, 2025.
- An article by Chris Stein titled "Angry Democrats Call on Schumer to Resign After Eight Vote [With Republicans] to End Shutdown" was posted at theguardian.com on Nov. 10, 2025.
- An article by Michael Luciano titled "[Brilliant Obama Political Advisor] David Axelrod Says Chuck Schumer Is Likely Cooked as Democratic Leader: 'He's in Bigger Trouble Now'" was posted at mediaite.com on Nov. 10, 2025.
- An article by Nicole Silverio titled "Democrat Strategist [Julie Roginsky] Says Chuck Schumer Is 'No Longer Capable' of Leading Democrats" was posted at tampafp.com on Nov. 10, 2025.
- An article by Gabriel Hays titled "Democrat-Aligned Senator [Independent Angus King of Maine] Who Voted to Reopen the Government Admits the Party's Shutdown Strategy 'Didn't Work'" was posted at foxnews.com on Nov. 10, 2025.
- An article by Malcolm Ferguson titled "Democrat Who Caved on Shutdown [Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire] Says Chuck Schumer Knew All Along" was posted at newrepublic.com on Nov. 10, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "[Arkansas Republican Senator Tom] Cotton: Democrats Voting to Keep Government Closed 'Afraid to Cross Far-Left Radical Base'" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 11, 2025.

# The 3 issues dividing the Democrats

- An article by David Marcus titled "The Three Issues Driving Far-Left's Split With Democrats" was posted at foxnews.com on Nov. 12, 2025.
  - Redistribution of wealth (Socialism)
  - Israel America's relationship and funding
  - Immigration

# Yes, Democrats are a mess - but dailycaller.com warns President Trump to avoid mistakes

- An article by Mariane Angela titled "'There's Something Going on Here': Pollster Matt Towery Warns GOP About New and Emerging Democratic Party" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 7, 2025.
- An article by John Loftus titled "Republicans Losing Bigger Battle Ahead of Midterms [Losing the Messaging Battle] Even as Senate Democrats Seem to Cave" was posted at

dailycaller.com on Nov. 10, 2025.

- An article by Mary Rooke titled "If Someone's in Trump's Ear With Latest Idiotic Ideas, They Need to Be Kicked Out of White House" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 12, 2025.
  - Supporting 600,000 Chinese students in our educational system
  - Touting a 50-Year Mortgage Scheme
  - Expanding H-1B Visas?
- An article by John Loftus titled "Big Chunk of Trump's 2024 Voter Coalition [Latino Voters] Splits Off in 2025, Potentially Spelling Danger for GOP" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 12, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Trump Is Repeating the GOP's Most Self-Destructive Mistakes [Drifting Away From the Ideas of Your Base]" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 13, 2025.

# Will Republicans give a tariff gift?

- An article by Mark Tanos titled "Trump Says He Wants to Give \$2,000 Tariff 'Dividends' to Every American" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 9, 2025.
- An article by Jason Cohen titled "Trump and Scott Bessent Singing Different Tune on Tariff Rebate Checks" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 12, 2025.

#### **Turning Point – general**

- An article by Staff titled "After Charlie Kirk's Assassination, Young Conservatives Work to Carry on His Message" was posted at pbs.org on Nov. 6, 2025.
- An article by Alejandro Serrano titled "[Lieutenant Governor] Dan Patrick Pledges \$1 Million in Campaign Funds to Install Turning Point USA at Every Texas College and High School" was posted at texastribune.org on Nov. 7, 2025.
- A video titled "Dr. Frank Turek Spreads Charlie Kirk's Message of Faith at TPUSA Events" was posted at foxnews.com on Nov. 10, 2025.
- An article by Alana Mastrangelo titled "Rhode Island High Schoolers Launch Turning Point USA Chapter After Teacher Mocks Charlie Kirk's Assassination" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 12, 2025.
- An article by Alana Mastrangelo titled "Joe Rogan Warns Leftist Celebrations of Charlie Kirk's Assassination Brings U.S. Closer to 'Civil War'" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 12, 2025.

#### **Turning Point – Berkeley**

- An article by Rachel Del Guidice titled "UC Berkeley TPUSA Defies 'Fascist' Labels, Will Host Event Charlie Kirk Was Set to Headline" was posted at foxnews.com on Nov. 6, 2025.
- An article by Emilie Raguso titled "UC Berkeley Students Arrested as Turning Point Event Nears" was posted at berkeleyscanner.com on Nov. 10, 2025.
- An article by Katie DeBenedetti titled "Turning Point USA Arrives at UC Berkeley for Last Tour Stop After Charlie Kirk's Killing" was posted at kqed.org on Nov. 10, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Violence Breaks Out at Berkeley TPUSA Event as Protesters Mock Charlie Kirk's Murder" was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on Nov. 11, 2025.
- An article by Manu Kaushik titled "UC Berkeley Sees Massive Protests as Turning Point USA Holds Final Stop of Tour to Honor Charlie Kirk" was posted at economic times.com on Nov. 11, 2025.

### **Corporate media – other news**

• An article by Mariane Angela titled "Scott Bessent Calls Out Stephanopoulos Over Shutdown Hypocrisy, Calling GOP 'Terrorists'" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 9, 2025.

# Trump – Antifa

• An article by Hudson Crozier titled "Trump Administration Targets Multiple Antifa Groups as Foreign Terrorist Organizations" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 13, 2025.

#### **Trump** – helping Memphis with crime

• An article by Reagan Reese titled "Trump Administration Executes Massive Crime Crackdown in Memphis" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 7, 2025.

#### Illegal immigration – New York

• An article by Hayden Cunningham titled "Mamdani Vows NYPD Will Not Help ICE With Immigration Enforcement" was posted at the postmillennial.com on Nov. 8, 2025.

#### Illegal immigration – Chicago

- An article by Tina Moore titled "Shooter Opens Fire at Border Patrol Agents in Chicago, Feds Confronted by Rowdy Mob" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 8, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Judge Considers Releasing Hundreds Arrested in Chicago-Area Immigration Enforcement 'Blitz'" was posted at abc7chicago.com on Nov. 10, 2025.
- An article by Warner Todd Huston titled "Department of Homeland Security's Tricia

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• An article by Jeff Charles titled "Trump Touts Falling Crime Rates in This City After ICE Showed Up in Full Force" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 12, 2025.

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- An article by John Binder titled "Sanctuary California: ICE Arrests Illegal Alien Convicted of Torture, Murder in Moldova" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 11, 2025.
- An article by Jason Hopkins titled "California Unlawfully Issued 17,000 Licenses to Migrant Truck Drivers; Feds Say" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 12, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Staffer for Democrat Senator Allegedly Caught on Video Posing as Illegal Migrant's Lawyer" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 13, 2025.
- An article by Victor Nava titled "JD Vance Says Surge of Illegal Immigrants Drove Up Housing Prices and U.S. Needs 5 Million New Homes" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 13, 2025.

# Notice the obvious – elites in the Democrat party have chosen their candidates since 2016

• Looking back to October 2024, an article by Nick Hart titled "When Was the Last Time the Democrats Had a Primary That Was Actually Democratic?" was posted at medium.com on Oct. 5, 2024. (For at least the last 3 general elections, Democrats haven't allowed their own base to choose their candidate.)

In 2016, the Democrat elites convinced Bernie Sanders to step aside

In 2020, the Democrat elites convinced opponents of Joe Biden to step aside

In 2024, the Democrat elites forced Joe Biden to withdraw

In 2024, the Democrat elites picked Kamala Harris without a single vote

### Look closely – at Democrat gerrymandering that has existed for years

- Looking back to August 2025, an article by M. Walter titled "8 States With Complete Republican Disenfranchisement" [With Zero Republican Representation Meaning 16% of the 50 States Have No Republican Voice on the House Side of the Hill]" was posted at americanthinker.com on Aug. 21, 2025.
  - 8 blue states have zero Republican representation
  - Disenfranchised Republican voters
  - States Percentage Total number

•	New Mexico	32.24%	408,256
•	New Hampshire	32.04%	352,140
•	Delaware	25.65%	195,425
•	Connecticut	20.88%	501,336
•	Vermont	20.00%	95,430
•	Rhode Island	14.45%	108,344
•	Hawaii	13.64%	109,821
•	Massachusetts 8.37%	423,38	7

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# **Examples of anti-Semitism**

- An article by Leena Nasir titled "Police Reportedly Arrest Anti-Semitic Heckler Who Targeted Dave Portnoy" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 10, 2025.
- An article by Mathilda Heller titled "Jewish Students Sue Chapman University [California] for Failure to Protect Against Anti-Semitism, Death Threats" was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 12, 2025.

# **Comments – green energy**

- An article by Staff titled "[New York Governor Kathy] Hochul Postpones Gas Stove Ban for New Homes as Governor Gets Heat From Both Sides" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 13, 2025
- An article by Audrey Streb titled "Greenies That Kicked and Screamed Against Keystone XL Pipeline Reportedly Drowning in Financial Woes" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 14, 2025.

# **Covid – general comments**

- An article by Mark Tanos titled "Virginia Democrat Who Went Viral Protesting Trump [Ibraheem Samirah] Sentenced for Covid Fraud" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 11, 2025.
- An article by Hannah Knudsen titled "Florida Surgeon General Reminds Floridians They Do Not Have to Bow to 'Capricious Mask' and Vaccine Policies" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 12, 2025.

#### **Pro-life**

- Looking back to May 2023, an article by Mansur Shaheen titled "[Massachusetts] Doctors Perform World-First Brain Surgery on Baby With Deadly Genetic Disorder While It Is Still Inside Its Mom's Uterus" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on May 4, 2023.
- An article by Staff titled "Senate Republicans Tie Healthcare Subsidies to Abortion Limits" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 11, 2025.

#### Transgender – general

• An article by Anthony Blair titled "First Openly Trans Lawmaker Admits to Sickening Child Sex Charges Involving Kids as Young as 3" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 9, 2025.

# Comments – about defunding the police

• Looking back to June 2020, an article by Paige Fernandez titled "Defunding the Police Will Actually Make Us Safer" was posted at aclu.org on June 11, 2020.

#### Notice - soft on crime

• An article by Christine Sellers titled "[Maryland] Man Arrested for Beating Woman Is Released From Jail, Immediately Beats Up Same Woman" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 12, 2025.

# Child exploitation

• An article by Mark Tanos titled "Authorities Arrest 56 People in 3-Day Child Porn Sting Sweeping Massachusetts" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 12, 2025.

# **Disney**

• An article by Tom Ozimek titled "Disney Drops DEI Terminology From Annual Report for First Time in 5 Years" was posted at theepochtimes.com on Nov. 14, 2025.

# **Zohran Mamdani – effects of his victory**

- An article by Rich Calder titled "Here's the Democratic Socialists of America's Demands to Zohran Mamdani for How to Lead an Israel-Hating NYC" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 8, 2025.
- An article by Charles Gasparino titled "Mayor-Elect Mamdani Reeks of Lenin but NYC's Wise Safeguard Against Marxism Stands in His Way" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 8, 2025.
- An article by Carl Campanile titled "Pro-Zohran Mamdani Group [Our Time for an Affordable NY] Pushes to Recruit Thousands to Democratic Socialists of America in Wake of

Mayoral-Election Victory" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 10, 2025.

- An article by Ryan King titled "Javier Milei 'Warmly' Welcomes New Yorkers to Argentina to Avoid Mamdani's 'Communist' Rule' was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 10, 2025.
- An article by Eric Revell titled "New York and New Jersey Lose Hundreds of Billions in Resident Income as Americans Flee to Low-Tax States" was posted at foxbusiness.com on Nov. 12, 2025.
- An article by Brianna Lyman titled "Mamdani's Victory Proves Mass Legal Migration Is Just as Dangerous as Illegal Migration" was posted at thefederalist.com on Nov. 12, 2025.

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- Looking back to September 2018, an article by Seema Mehta titled "How Eight Elite San Francisco Families Funded Gavin Newsom's Political Ascent [Newsom Wasn't Born Rich, but He Was Born Connected]" was posted at latimes.com on Sept. 7, 2018.
- An article by Ian Hanchett titled "[Bill] Maher: Newsom 'Too Far Left for Me', His 'Moves to the Center' [Are] 'Not Enough'" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 8, 2025.
- An article by Ian Hanchett titled "[Florida Democrat Jared] Moskowitz on Newsom: 'The Other 49 States Don't Want to Be California'" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 8, 2025.
- An article by Monica Showalter titled "Is Gavin Newsom the Best the Democrats Can Do?" was posted at americanthinker.com on Nov. 11, 2025.
- An article by Joel Pollak titled "New Film Leaves No Doubt: Gavin Newsom, Karen Bass
  Abandoned LA as It Burned" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 12, 2025.
- An article by Christian K. Caruzo titled "Newsom Flies 5,000+ Miles to Lash Trump for 'Dumb' U.S. Climate Policy" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 12, 2025.
- An article by Anthony Jafrate titled "Victor Davis Hanson Says Gavin Newsom 'Lost the Narrative' on Left's Sacred Cow [Climate Change]" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 13, 2025.
- An editorial by Staff titled "Gavin Newsom's Pathetic Reasons for Pulling Some Illegal Truckers' Licenses" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 14, 2025.

#### **Jasmine Crockett**

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- An article by Jason Cohen titled "[Former West Virginia Senator] Joe Manchin Laughs When Fox News' Martha MacCallum Asks If Jasmine Crockett Is Best Democrat Messenger" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 12, 2025.
- An article by Pam Key titled "Crockett: I'm Considering Senate Run I Believe I Can 'Expand the Electorate' "was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 13, 2025.

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- An article by Tim Graham titled "From Camelot to Whine-a-Lot, Michelle Obama Claims She's Mistreated" was posted at foxnews.com on Nov. 8, 2025.
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### Friction – between Donald Trump & Marjorie Taylor Greene

- An article by Sean James titled "Marjorie Taylor Greene Reportedly Gearing Up for 2028 Presidential Run as a 'Real MAGA' Republican" was posted at mediaite.com on Nov. 5, 2025.
- An article by Alex Griffing titled "Marjorie Taylor Greene Blames Trump's Focus on Foreign Countries for Democrat Election Sweep" was posted at mediaite.com on Nov. 6, 2025.
- An article by Sean James titled "Marjorie Taylor Greene Snaps Back at Trump After He Disses Her in Oval Office Presser: 'I Haven't Lost My Way'" was posted at mediaite.com on Nov. 10, 2025.

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- An article by Kevin McCullough titled "Chicago Declares War on Faith [Because Moody Bible Institute Hires Christians to Teach in a Christian School, Chicago Says They Can't Sent

Their Students to Teach in Public Classrooms]" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 9, 2025.

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- An article by Elizabeth Pritchett titled "Trump Pardons Rudy Giuliani, Mark Meadows, Sidney Powell, Others Involved in 2020 Election Interference Saga" was posted at foxnews.com on Nov. 10, 2025.
- An article by Harold Hutchison titled "Scott Jennings Gets James Clyburn to Admit He Favors Judges Forcing Trump Into Spending Cash Congress Never Approved" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 11, 2025.
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An article by Brian Camenker titled "Bring Back the Real Filibuster!" was posted at americanthinker.com on Nov. 10, 2025. Following are excerpts of the article.

The continuing government shutdown has brought back the discussion of ending the filibuster. But maybe the real answer is bringing back the real filibuster – instead of the phony one that they have now.

Most people assume that the "filibuster" is simply a Senate rule that all legislation must have 60 votes to pass – instead of a simple majority. But that's not how the filibuster actually worked during most the country's history.

• The actual meaning of a "filibuster" is to go on speaking – tying up everything else.

- It steals time from the regular legislative process.
- Thus, it comes from a Dutch word meaning "pirate."
- The U.S. House limits the length of time of speaking to one hour.
- The Senate has no such limit.
- Originally, both branches allowed a majority vote to end debate and force a vote.
- In 1806 under VP Aaron Burr, the Senate eliminated the rule to end a debate.
- But that opened the door to the "real" filibuster.
- Senators could delay a bill by talking for days, weeks or longer.
- They might read from the newspaper, the phone book or anything.
- They had to keep talking.
- It took considerable stamina.
- In 1841, a filibuster went on for 2 weeks.
- In 1846, a filibuster lasted two months.
- In the entire 19<sup>th</sup> century, there were only 23 filibusters.
- The filibuster was changed in 1917 debate stopped by a two-thirds majority ("cloture").
- Strom Thurmond set the one-man record by speaking for 24 hours and 18 minutes.
- In the early 1970's, the Senate made two major changes.
- First a filibuster could be put aside to handle other business (not trying up business).
- Second they lowered the cloture requirement to 3/5 of membership 60 votes.
- These changes increased the number of filibusters.

If Chuck Schumer and his gang actually had to stand up and talk for days at a time, maybe they wouldn't be so arrogant about keeping their Obamacare subsidies in the federal budget.

And, our senators and congressmen (too many of whom are decrepit senior citizens) don't want to have to do any actual work. They want life to be easy.

Come to think of it, that's another reason to bring back the real filibuster!

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An article by D. Parker titled "It's Not Communism Versus Fascism; It's Freedom Versus Slavery" was posted at americanthinker.com on Nov. 12, 2025. Following are excerpts of the article.

It's easy to make the case that communism and fascism are two collectivist, big government, authoritarian ideolgies that are stunningly similar. Those trying to claim they are vastly different require a constant psy-op of pure BS on their part to stay viable.

• This is because the plain fact is that evil can never be honest and identify itself.

- Instead, it has to come in the guise of a talented and charismatic speaker offering freebies.
- Evil doesn't tell you that you have to give up your freedom in exchange for the seemingly boundless hoard of goodies being offered.
- It also has to deceive and distract with convenient lies that divert attention away from what is truly happening.

In the case of the ever-violent collectivist left, they continually beat the drum that – while they might be communists, socialists or whatever.

They are also constantly claiming that they are fighting against "fascism" at every turn.

Ideologies can be classified as eight "collectivist" or "individualist" from a fundamental philosophical standpoint.

• Fascism is defined as collectivist by the very nature of the word – from the word *fascio* (plural fasci), "bundle, fasces, group." The symbolism is that an individual stick is weak and can easily be broken – whereas a collection of sticks bundled together is far stronger.

Robert A. Heinlein wrote: "Political tags – such as royalist, communist, democrat, populist, fascist, liberal, conservative, and so forth – are never basic criteria. The human race divides politically into those who want people to be controlled and those who have no such desire."

Heinlein's words demarcate the left and right in a manner similar to collectivists and individualists. There are those who desire power over all – while there are others who simply want to live their lives, leave everyone alone and have others treat them the same.

This coincidently describes the basic philosophies of the collectivist left and individualist right sides of the spectrum. Since the left's labels pale in comparison to economic freedom, they use several tactics to mitigate the disparity.

- Leftists use "capitalism" instead of economic freedom or free enterprise.
- A century ago (back in the 1920s and 1930s), everyone correctly saw that communism and fascism were the evil cousins of collectivism and people openly spoke out about it without reproach.
- Since that time, the leftist lie has "evolved" to the point that one authoritarian-collectivist, centralized-control, big-government ideology is supposed to be vastly different from another authoritarian-collectivist, centralized-control, big government ideology.

It should be clear that with the win of Mamdani (the Islamo-commie in New York), the Democrats are lurching to the far left – and the sides are shaping up as a battle between economic freedom and the societal slavery of collectivism.

It is irrelevant how the latter is labeled – communism, fascism, socialism, or free stuff for everyone who votes for them. Make no mistake: It's a battle between freedom and slavery, good and evil.

As Senator Mike Lee stated: Conservatism is about limited government, fascism is about total state control.

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An article by John Loftus titled "Remember When Republicans Said 'Drain the Swamp'? – So Do We" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 13, 2025. Following are excerpts of the article.

It was the rallying cry of 2016, a slogan revitalized by Trump that represented a core pillar of the then-insurgent MAGA movement: "Drain the Swamp."

This was not the first time the catchy and potent slogan had been used. In fact, it had been used across the political spectrum for over a century – from early 1900s socialists to even Nancy Pelosi (who used it in 2006 after she became speaker and ended the GOP's decade-long hold on the House.

And, like "Make America Great Again," Trump borrowed "Drain the Swamp" from former President Ronald Reagan, who was fond of the phrase throughout his presidency.

But, in the second Trump administration, its use has petered out. Ironically enough, the last time "Drain the Swamp" really made headlines was back in April – when a Democrat introduced legislation to ban lobbyists' gifts and enact stricker rules on Washington's infamous "revolving doors"

It was the first time, it seemed, that a Democrat since the early 2000s had actively tried to co-opt it against the Republican Party.

Which leads one to ask: Even though Republicans have been attacking the Deep State (which is a similar but still different beast than the whole of The Swamp), have they completely given up on draining our capital of nefarious actors?

#### Deep State vs. The Swamp

There is indeed a difference between the Deep State and the Swamp.

• The Deep State an encompasses all of the federal bureaucracies, the alphabet agencies formed during the FDR administration and throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century – the intelligence

agencies, the Department of Homeland Security, the Pentagon, the Federal Reserve and all the unelected or politically appointed bureaucrats and officials.

• The Swamp (on the other hand) includes the vast, private sector network that feeds off the

Deep State and colludes with the federal government – ranging from Congressional lawmakers to regulators in the Treasury Department. In other words, the whole swath of corporate lobbyists, defense contractors, business interest groups, think tanks, political consultants, etc. – who influence elected officials, Deep State bureaucrats, and White House officials, to enrich themselves, usually to the detriment of the American people.

- As we have seen with Trump 2.0, the Deep State can be pared away.
- Civil servants can be fired.
- Agencies can be shuttered. (Not without lawsuits of course.)

But with the so-called "private sector," the Swamp at times is a more powerful beast than the actual government, and cannot be so easily influenced by actions from the executive branch or even Congress.

In some instances in Trump's second term, it is actually the Swamp that is dictating policy – not the other way around.

Draining the Swamp isn't some kooky idea that was cooked up yesterday. It's a part of who we are as Americans. Socialists talked about it in the 1900s. Nancy Pelosi (before she was utterly corrupted by the Swamp) talked about it, too. Republicans used to talk about it, until now. And that's a travesty.

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Isaiah 55:6-11—"Seek you the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. 'For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,' says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word by that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."