

# **Election 2024:** Implications for Social and Behavioral Science Research

December 5, 2024

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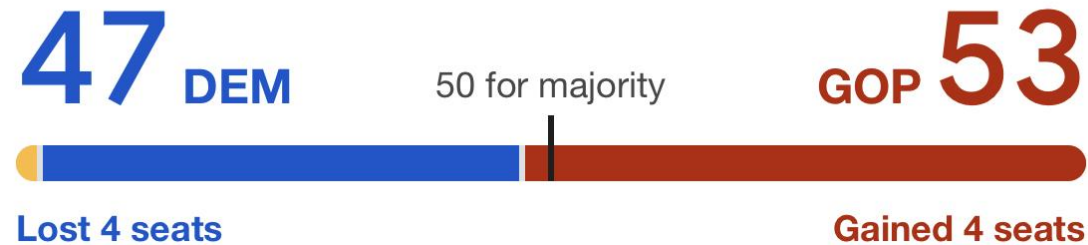
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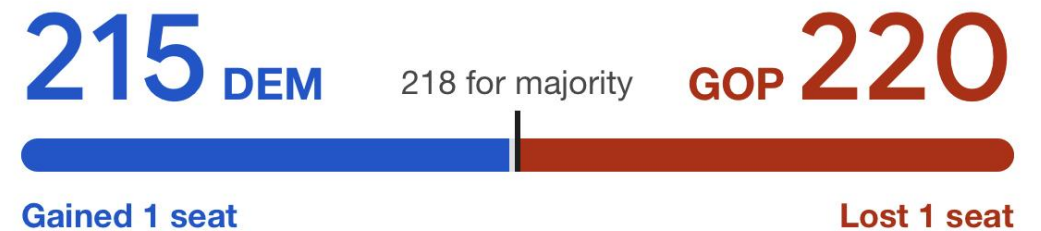
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## Notable Retirements:

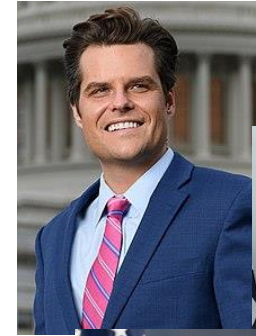
House Appropriations  
Committee Chair: Kay  
Granger (R-TX)



House Energy & Commerce  
Committee Chair: Cathy  
McMorris Rodgers (R-WA)

# But... Additional Vacancies Ahead

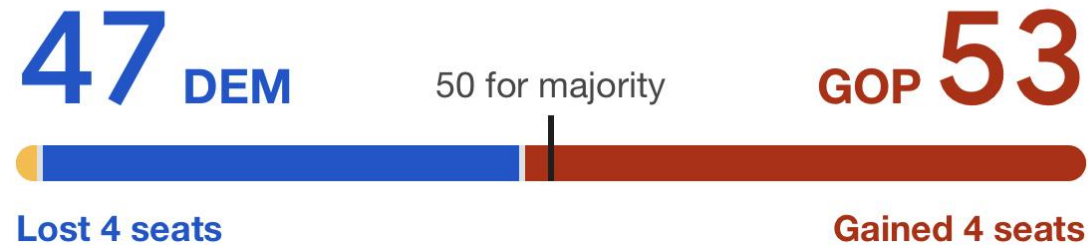
- House departures:
  - Matt Gaetz (R-FL) – resigned when nominated for AG
  - Mike Waltz (R-FL) – appointed national security advisor
  - Elise Stefanik (R-NY) – nominated for UN Ambassador
- Senate departures
  - Marco Rubio (R-FL) – nominated for Sec. of State
  - JD Vance (R-OH) - VP



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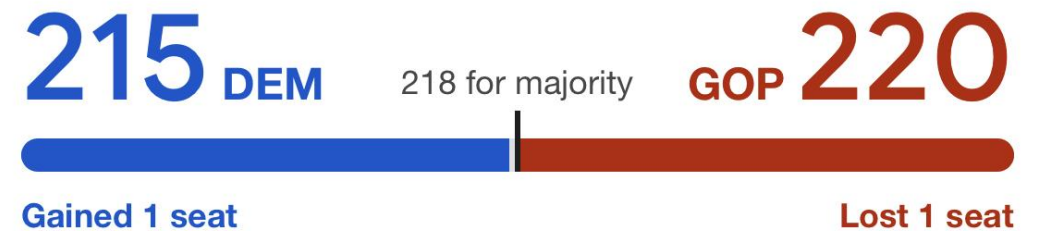
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47 DEM

GOP 51

215 DEM

GOP 217



# Party Leadership

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## House

**\*Republican control\***

**Mike Johnson (R-LA)** will remain Speaker

House Republicans **-1**  
(total as of 12/3: 220)

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**Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)** will remain Minority Leader

House Democrats **+1**  
(total as of 12/3: 215)

## Senate

**\*Republican control\***

**John Thune (D-SD)** was elected as Majority Leader

Senate Democrats **-4**  
(total as of 12/3: 47)

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**Charles Schumer (D-NY)** was reelected as Minority Leader

Senate Republicans **+4**  
(total as of 12/3: 53 not counting VP)

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# Winners – Senate

12 incoming Senate Freshmen

## Newly elected Republican senators



## Newly elected Democratic senators







# Senate Appropriations Committee

## Leadership:

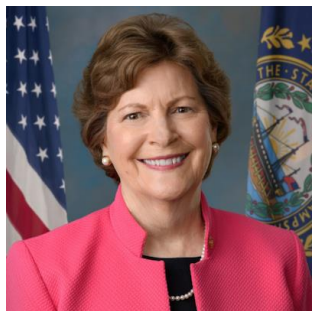


Current Chair: Patty Murray (D-WA)



Current Ranking Member: Susan Collins (R-ME)

## CJS Subcommittee:

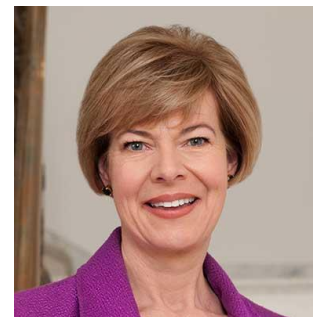


Current Chair:  
Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)



Current Ranking Member:  
Jerry Moran (R-KS)

## LHHS Subcommittee:



Current Chair:  
Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)



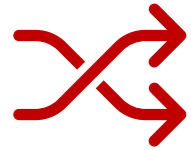
Current Ranking Member:  
Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)

# Senate HELP Committee

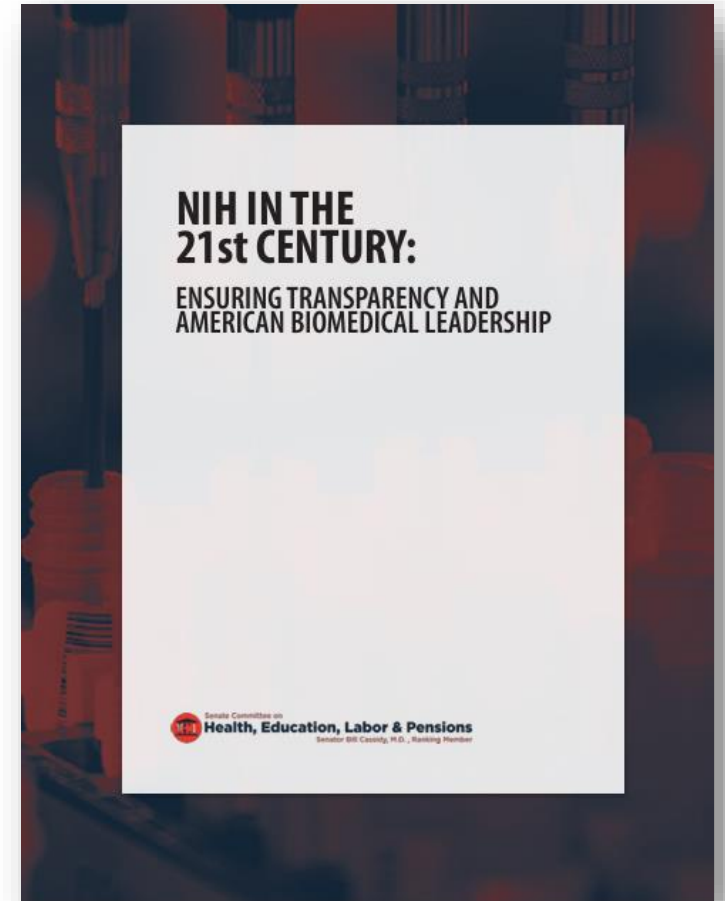
## Leadership:



Current Chair:  
Bernie Sanders (I-VT)



Current Ranking Member:  
Bill Cassidy (R-LA)



# Senate Commerce, Science, & Transportation Committee

Leadership:



Current Chair: Maria Cantwell (D-WA)



Current Ranking Member: Ted Cruz (R-TX)



Space and Science Subcommittee:



Incoming Ranking Member: TBD



Current Ranking Member: Eric Schmitt (R-MO)



# House Appropriations Committee

## Leadership:



Current Chair: Tom Cole (R-OK)



Current Ranking Member: Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)

## CJS Subcommittee:



Current Chair:  
Hal Rogers (R-KY)



*Likely* Ranking Member:  
Grace Meng (D-NY)

## LHHS Subcommittee:



Current Chair: Robert  
Aderholt (R-AL)



Current Ranking Member:  
Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)



# House Science Committee

118<sup>th</sup> Congress Leadership:



Current Chair:  
Frank Lucas (R-OK)



Current Ranking Member: Zoe  
Lofgren (D-CA)

# House Energy & Commerce Committee

## Leadership:



Current Chair: Cathy  
McMorris Rodgers (R-WA)



Ranking Member: Frank  
Pallone Jr. (D-NJ)

## Health Subcommittee:



Chair: Brett Guthrie (R-KY)



Ranking Member: Anna Eshoo (D-CA)

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# Unfinished Business: 118<sup>th</sup> Congress

- FY 2025 Appropriations – Current funding runs out 12/20
- Other legislative business:
  - Emergency Supplemental Funding
  - National Defense Authorization Act
  - \*NIH reform proposals
  - \*Tax legislation and non-profit status
  - \*House Oversight Scientific Integrity Investigation

# A Word on NIH Reform

- Watch August 2024 webinar: [cossa.org/headlines](https://cossa.org/headlines)



COSSA Town Hall:  
Understanding Current NIH Reform Proposals

Featuring: Wendy Naus, COSSA Executive Director  
September 12, 2024

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Union Calendar No. 485  
118TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION **H. R. 9029**  
[Report No. 118-585]

Making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
JULY 12, 2024

Mr. AMERHOLT, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following bill, which was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

**A BILL**  
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**NIH IN THE 21st CENTURY:**  
ENSURING TRANSPARENCY AND AMERICAN BIOMEDICAL LEADERSHIP

Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions  
Senator Bill Cassidy, M.D., Ranking Member



**Reforming the National Institutes of Health**  
Framework for Discussion

*The Time is NOW to Build a Stronger NIH for the Future*



Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
June 2024

# A Word on Tax Legislation

- Revisiting the 2017 tax bill will shine a light on non-profit/association tax status
- Example 1: Proposals to tax non-donation revenue of tax-exempt organizations, including dues, sponsorships, etc.
- Example 2: Stop Terror-Financing and Tax Penalties on American Hostages Act (H.R. 9495/6408)
  - SEC. 4 – Termination of tax-exempt status of terrorist supporting organizations
  - Could apply to nonprofits who express support for countries identified as foreign terrorist organizations (FTO) under the Immigration and Nationality Act

# A Word on Scientific Integrity Investigation

- House Oversight Committee sent letters to HHS and EPA:

<p>JAMES COMER, KENTUCKY CHAIRMAN</p> <p>ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS</p> <p>JAMIE RASKIN, MARYLAND</p> <p>8845</p> <p><b>Congress</b> <b>Ho</b></p> <p>COMMITTEE C</p> <p>2157 F</p> <p>W</p>	<p><b>Federal Register</b></p> <p>Vol. 86, No. 26</p> <p>Wednesday, February 10, 2021</p> <hr/> <p><b>Title 3—</b></p> <p><b>The President</b></p> <p><b>Presidential Documents</b></p> <p><b>Memorandum of January 27, 2021</b></p> <p><b>Restoring Trust in Government Through Scientific Integrity and Evidence-Based Policymaking</b></p> <p><b>Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies</b></p>	<p>CONGRESS</p> <p><b>ited States</b></p> <p><b>tatives</b></p> <p>ACCOUNTABILITY</p> <p>E BUILDING</p> <p>6-6143</p> <p>24</p>
<p>The Honorable Michael S. Regan Administrator U. S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20460</p> <p>Dear Administrator Regan:</p> <p>The Committee on Oversight and Reform of the Biden-Harris Administration's establishment of government-wide scientific integrity policies intended to interfere with the executive branch's policymaking by the administrative staff. The Committee views that challenge the existing scientific integrity policies of elected leadership, not beholden to career bureaucrats of the Biden-Harris regime implemented by the Biden-Harris Administration without regard to scientific advances and without influence or stymie policy decisions. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency accountability within the Executive Branch.</p> <p>At the outset of its time in office, the Biden-Harris Administration issued a Presidential Memorandum directing the White House to establish a Task Force on Scientific Integrity. The Task Force's scientific integrity policies, ostensibly to "restore trust in government," directed to Wendy Nau</p>	<p>It is the policy of my Administration to make evidence-based decisions guided by the best available science and data. Scientific and technological information, data, and evidence are central to the development and iterative improvement of sound policies, and to the delivery of equitable programs, across every area of government. Scientific findings should never be distorted or influenced by political considerations. When scientific or technological information is considered in policy decisions, it should be subjected to well-established scientific processes, including peer review where feasible and appropriate, with appropriate protections for privacy. Improper political interference in the work of Federal scientists or other scientists who support the work of the Federal Government and in the communication of scientific facts undermines the welfare of the Nation, contributes to systemic inequities and injustices, and violates the trust that the public places in government to best serve its collective interests.</p> <p>This memorandum reaffirms and builds on the Presidential Memorandum of March 9, 2009 (Scientific Integrity), and the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy's Memorandum of December 17, 2010 (Scientific Integrity).</p> <p>By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I direct as follows:</p> <p><b>Section 1. Role of the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.</b></p>	<p>is investigating the Biden-Harris Administration's establishment of government-wide scientific integrity committees with possible presidential administrations.<sup>1</sup> The investigation is informed by scientific evidence—including peer-reviewed research—available to the American people and their elected representatives in implementing their own agendas. Yet the Biden-Harris Administration is likely to entrench the status quo and the power of unelected federal officials to obstruct the release of documents and information from the Executive Branch to assist in its investigation and ensure transparency.</p> <p>The Biden-Harris Administration issued a Presidential Memorandum directing the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) to submit a report on federal agencies' scientific integrity policies.<sup>2</sup> In this memorandum, each federal agency is directed to designate chief scientific integrity policies, designate chief scientific advisory committees.<sup>3</sup></p>

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# Looking Ahead: 119<sup>th</sup> Congress

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## Procedural actions:

- Leadership elections
- Committee assignments
- Senate confirmation hearings of Trump nominees
- Completion of FY 2025 appropriations bills

## Expected topics & legislation

- \*DOGE
- \*FY 2026 budget – watch for major cuts
- \*Attacks on DEI initiatives/funding
- Artificial Intelligence
- Census Citizenship question
- NIH reform
- Tax exempt status legislation
- Scientific integrity investigation

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# Incoming Cast of Characters



# Science Positions in the Trump Administration

- Office of Science and Technology Policy Director/Science Advisor
  - Current: Arati Prabhakar (2022)
  - **No nominee yet** – OSTP requires Senate confirmation, Science Advisor does not
- National Institutes of Health Director
  - Current: Monica Bertagnolli (2023)
  - **Nominee: Jay Battacharya (Stanford) – Requires Senate confirmation**
- National Science Foundation
  - Current: Sethuraman Panchanathan (2020) – **Term ends June 2026**
- Census Bureau
  - Current: Robert Santos (2022) – **Term ends January 2027**
- President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology
  - **No one named yet**

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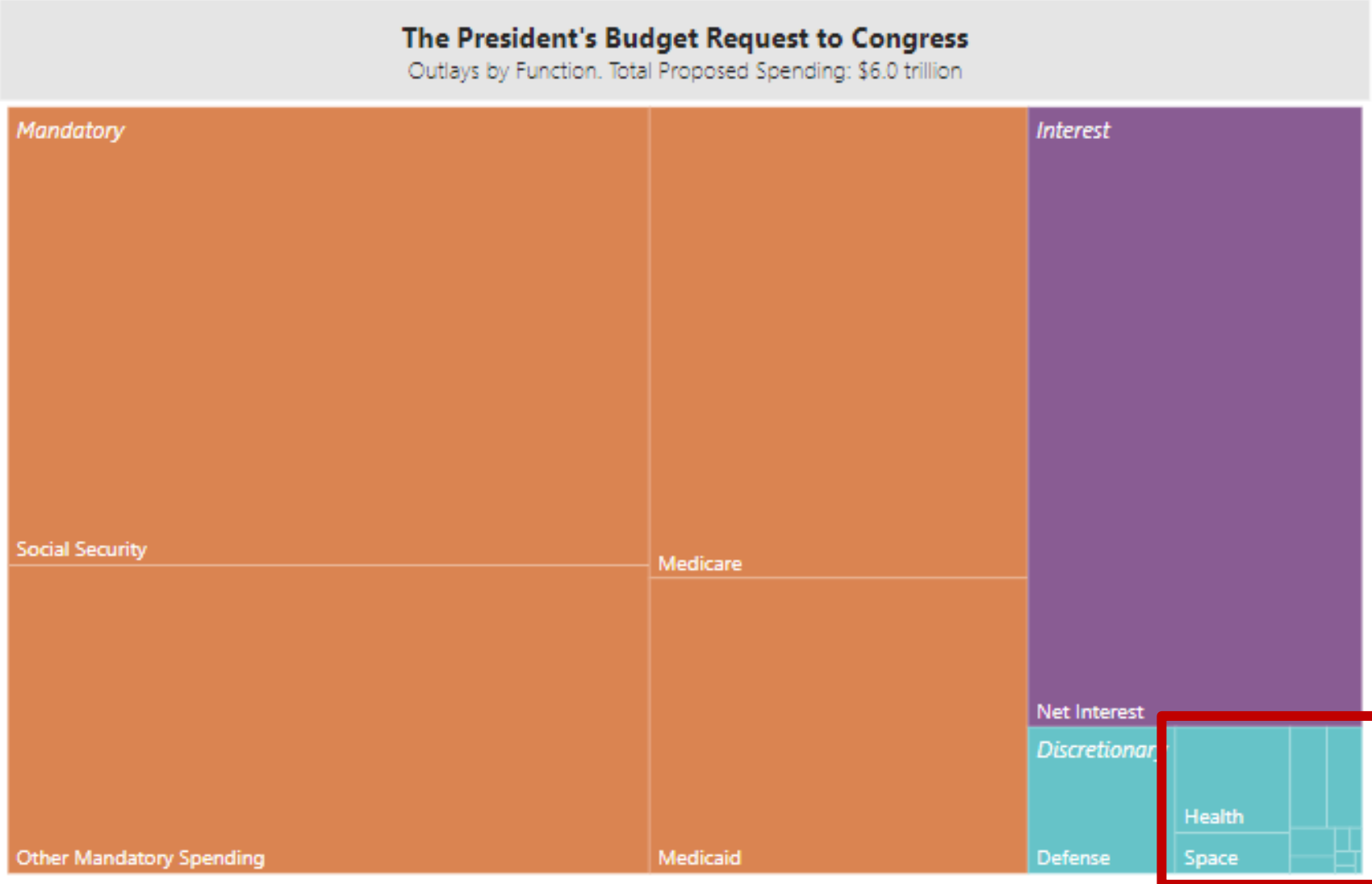
## Other Positions:

- Institute for Education Sciences Director
  - Current: Matthew Soldner (acting)
  - Nominee (Biden): Adam Gamoran – Requires Senate confirmation
- National Institute of Justice Director:
  - Current: Nancy La Vigne (2022)
  - **No one named yet**
- Bureau of Justice Statistics Director
  - Current: Kevin Scott (acting)
  - **No one named yet**
- Other statistical agencies

# “Department” of Government Efficiency (DOGE)

- Non-governmental advisory body chaired by Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy
- Deliver findings/recommendations by July 2026
- Goal – cut \$2 TRILLION from the federal budget (without touching entitlements)

# NDD Spending



Courtesy: AAAS

# Budget Implications

- Russ Vought (Trump's OMB pick) developed proposal for cuts in 2023 that would:
  - Cut Medicaid by one-third (-\$2.2T)
  - Cut \$266B from student loans and Pell Grants
  - Social Security/Medicare – No change to retiree benefits but cut disability insurance and supplemental security income payments
  - Cut defense spending by \$350B over 10 years
  - Extend 2017 tax cuts for 10 years
  - **Cut Nondefense Discretionary spending by \$2.5T over 10 years**



# Potential Cuts to NDD

- Vought proposal (for FY 2023):
  - Cut \$2.5T (-28%) over 10 years
    - NSF cut by 54% in first year
    - NIH cut by 22% in first year
- BUT: Proposal is from Vought's time leading think tank.
- Congress holds power of the purse
  - Virtually no margin for error in the House for Republicans
  - Republicans can only lose 3 votes in the Senate

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# DOGE in Congress

- House:
  - New Oversight Subcommittee chaired by Majorie Taylor Green (R-GA) – tasked with identifying government waste
  - House DOGE Caucus
- Senate DOGE Caucus chaired by Joni Ernst (R-IA)
  - Letter to Musk/Ramaswamy identifying cuts
  - Includes “Silly Science” – NSF and NIH grants
- Return of the “Golden Fleece Awards” / waste books?

# Other things to watch

- Return of Schedule F federal employees – eliminate civil service protections for federal workers, more easily fire career feds and replace with party loyalists.
- Reduce the federal workforce:
  - Return to office mandates
  - Federal building relocations
- Undoing of Biden Actions

# Actions from 1<sup>st</sup> Trump Term

- EO on **Creating Schedule F** in The Excepted Service (2020)
- EO on Combating **Race and Sex Stereotyping** (2020)
- EO on Collecting Information about **Citizenship Status** in Connection with the **Decennial Census** (2019)
- EO on Evaluating and Improving the Utility of **Federal Advisory Committees** (2019)
- Improving **Free Inquiry**, Transparency, and Accountability at Colleges and Universities (2019)
- Protecting the Nation from **Foreign Terrorist Entry** into the United States (2017)
- Proclamation on the **Suspension of Entry** as Nonimmigrants of Certain Students and Researchers from the People's Republic of **China** (2019)
- Strengthening the **H-1B Nonimmigrant Visa** Classification Program (2020)
- Establishing a Fixed Time Period of Admission and an Extension of Stay Procedure for **Nonimmigrant Academic Students**, Exchange Visitors, and Representatives of Foreign Information Media (2020)
- Memorandum on Excluding Illegal Aliens from the **Apportionment** Base Following the 2020 Census (2020)

# Biden Actions

- Memorandum on Restoring Trust in Government Through **Scientific Integrity and Evidence-Based Policymaking** (2021)
- EO on the **President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology** (2021)
- EO on **Advancing Racial Equity** and Support for Underserved Communities through the Federal Government (2021)
- EO on Ensuring a **Data-Driven Response** to COVID-19 and Future High-Consequence Public Health Threats (2021)
- EO on Protecting Public health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the **Climate Crisis** (2021)
- EO on Protecting the **Federal Workforce** (2021)
- EO on Ensuring a Lawful and Accurate Enumeration and Apportionment Pursuant to the **Decennial Census** (2021)
- EO on Establishment of the White House **Gender Policy Council** (2021)
- EO on Guaranteeing an Educational Environment Free from **Discrimination on the Basis of Sex**, Including Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (2021)

# Biden Actions

- Memorandum on Ensuring Free, Immediate, and Equitable **Access to Federally Funded Research** (2022)
- U.S. Playbook to Address **Social Determinants of Health** (SDOH) (2023)
- Executive Order on Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to **Environmental Justice** for All (2023)
- EO on Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy **Artificial Intelligence** (2023)
- EO on Advancing **Women's Health Research** and Innovation (2024)
- OSTP Blueprint for the **Use of Social and Behavioral Science** to Advance Evidence-Based Policymaking (2024)
- Federal Strategic Plan for **Advancing STEM Education** and Cultivating STEM Talent (2024)

**EO on Creating  
Schedule F in  
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**EO on  
Protecting the  
Federal  
Workforce  
(2021)**

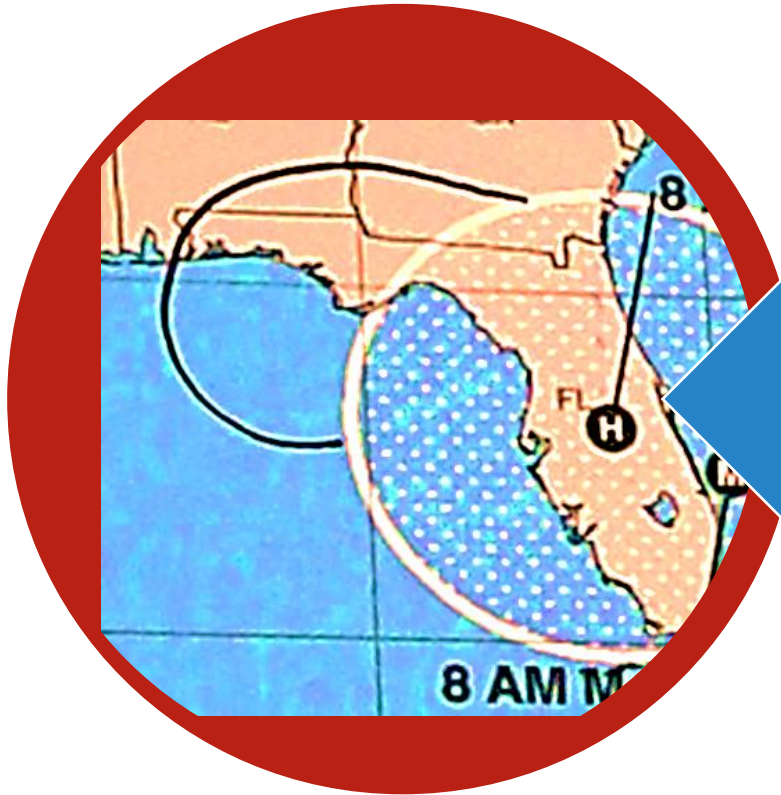
**PROJECT 2025:  
Reinstate  
Schedule F**



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**EO on Advancing  
Racial Equity and  
Support for  
Underserved  
Communities  
through the Federal  
Government (2021)**

**PROJECT 2025:  
Issue EO banning...  
and prohibiting  
taxpayer dollars to  
fund all critical race  
theory training  
(CRT).**



Memorandum on  
Restoring Trust in  
Government  
Through **Scientific  
Integrity and  
Evidence-Based  
Policymaking**  
(2021)

**House Oversight  
Committee:**  
Investigation of  
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# What COSSA is doing

- Learning about incoming Congress and identifying potential champions
- Identifying opportunities for COSSA community to engage with new Administration officials
- Participating in Vision for American Science and Technology (VAST) Taskforce



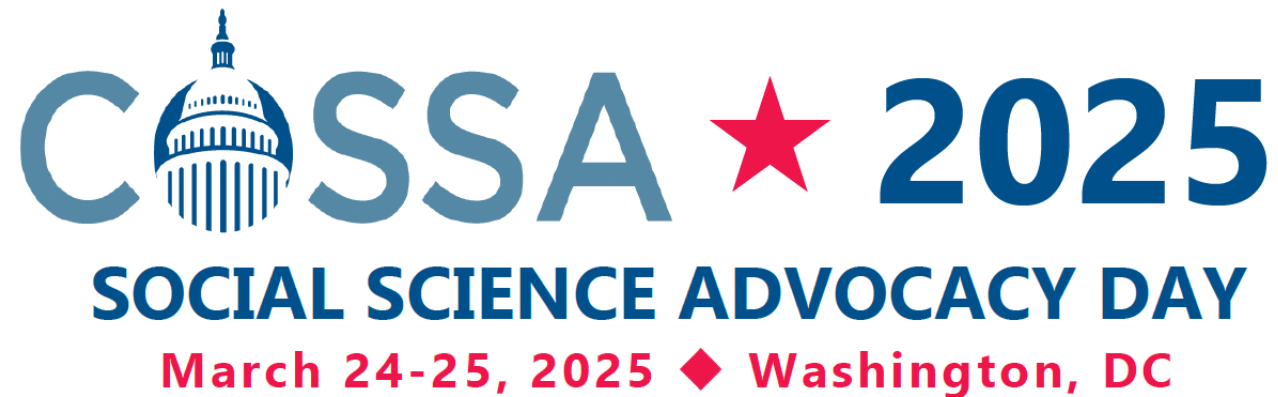


- Unleash America's strengths by reducing inefficiencies and breaking down barriers that hinder progress
- Empower the strongest, most adaptable workforce in human history to benefit the American people and sustain our leadership as S&T innovators
- Drive breakthroughs with targeted commitments to critical infrastructure

<https://sciencetechaction.org/vast-task-force>

# What you can do

- Learn about your elected officials – do you have any connections? Tell us!
- Subscribe to COSSA emails.
- Encourage others to subscribe and join COSSA.
- Join us in Washington on March 24-25!



# Stay Informed

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