



# 119th Congress & Trump 2.0: What Does it Mean for Us?

January 30, 2025

Stand by, we will begin momentarily.

# COSSA's Mission

*“To promote the value of social and behavioral science research to policymakers and the public with the goal of **enhancing federal support.**”*

## Our Priorities:

- Champion robust, sustained **funding** for federally supported social and behavioral science research, and STEM research and education more broadly.
- Support and strengthen the federal **statistical and data enterprise**.
- **Expand the use** of social and behavioral science and data in policymaking.
- Support the **scientific workforce**.



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 Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences  
 Division for Research of the Council for Exceptional Children  
 Economic History Association  
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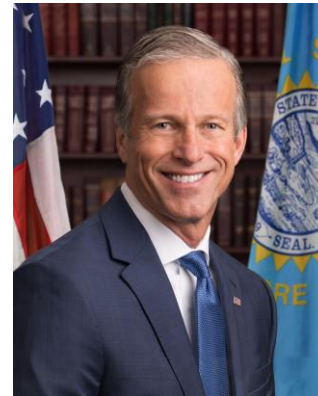
# 119<sup>th</sup> Congress: Leadership

## House Leadership



- **Speaker of the House:**  
Mike Johnson (R-LA)
- **Democratic Leader:**  
Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)

## Senate Leadership



- **Vice President:** J.D. Vance
- **Majority Leader:** John Thune (R-SD)
- **Democratic Leader:** Charles Schumer (D-NY)



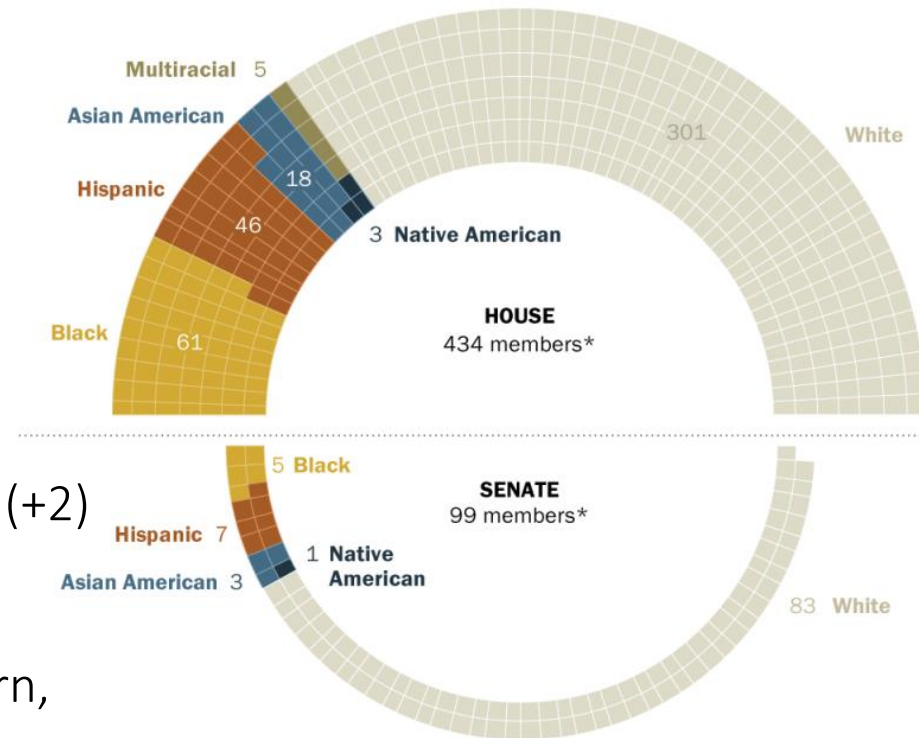
# 119<sup>th</sup> Congress: Race

## Republicans

- White: 248 (+8)
- African American: 5 (-1)
- Latino: 12 (-5)
- Asian Am./Pac. Islander: 2 (-2)
- 2 or more races: 0 (-1)
- Other: 4

## Democrats

- White: 146 (-3)
- African Americans: 57 (+4)
- Latino: 33 (+6)
- Asian Am./Pac. Islander: 16 (+2)
- 2 or more races: 4 (=)
- Other (AI/AN, Middle Eastern, Portuguese): 3 (=)



Source: Pew

# 119<sup>th</sup> Congress: Gender

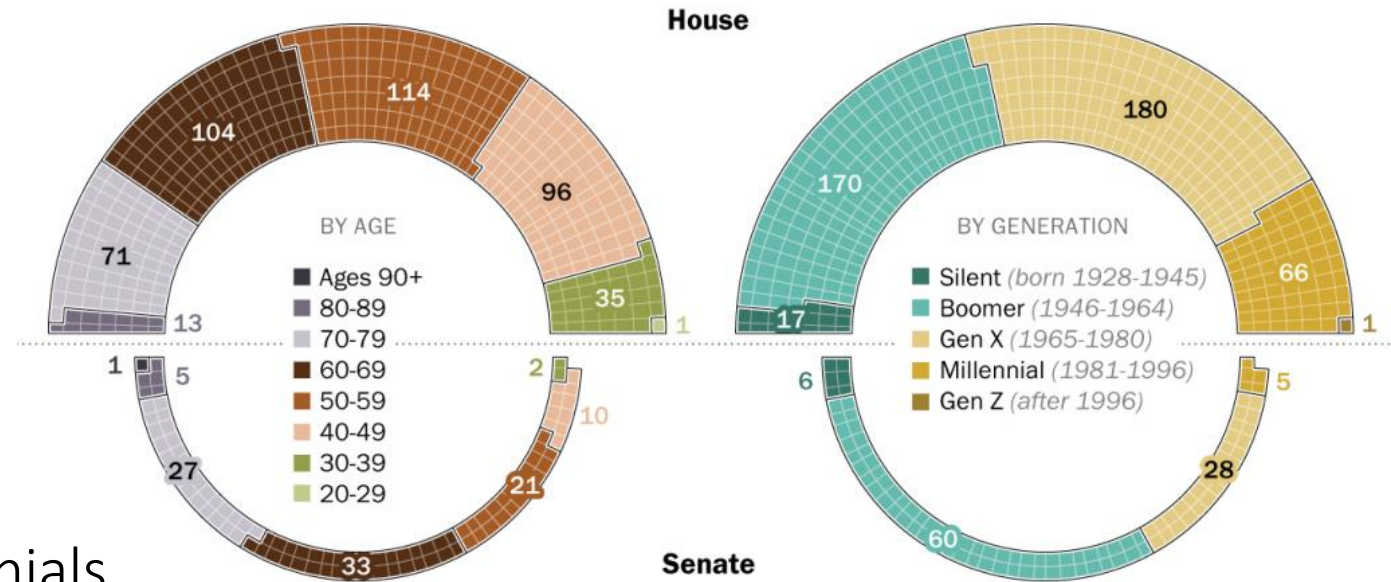
## Women—151 total (-2)

- House: 125 out of 435
- Senate: 26 out of 100
- Democrats: 110
- Republican: 40
- 6 states have no women in either chamber
- First transgender women elected to House -- Rep. Sarah McBride (D-DE)



# 119<sup>th</sup> Congress: Age

- Median Age:
  - House: 58.6
  - Senate: 63.6
- Range: 27 – 91
- 2/3 are Baby Boomers and Millennials
- 1/3 are Generation Z



Source: Pew

# 119<sup>th</sup> Congress: Religion

- 461 of 535 members identify as Christian (-8)
  - 295 Protestant (75 Baptist)
  - 150 Catholic
- 71 Non-Christian
  - 32 Jewish
  - 4 Muslim
  - 4 Hindu
  - 3 Buddhist
  - 3 Unitarian Universalist

# The Next 90 Days

- Cabinet and subcabinet nominations
- FY 2025 Appropriations – Current funding runs out 3/14
- State of the Union Address – 3/5
- President’s FY 2026 Budget Request
- FY 2026 budget hearings
- Reconciliation legislation

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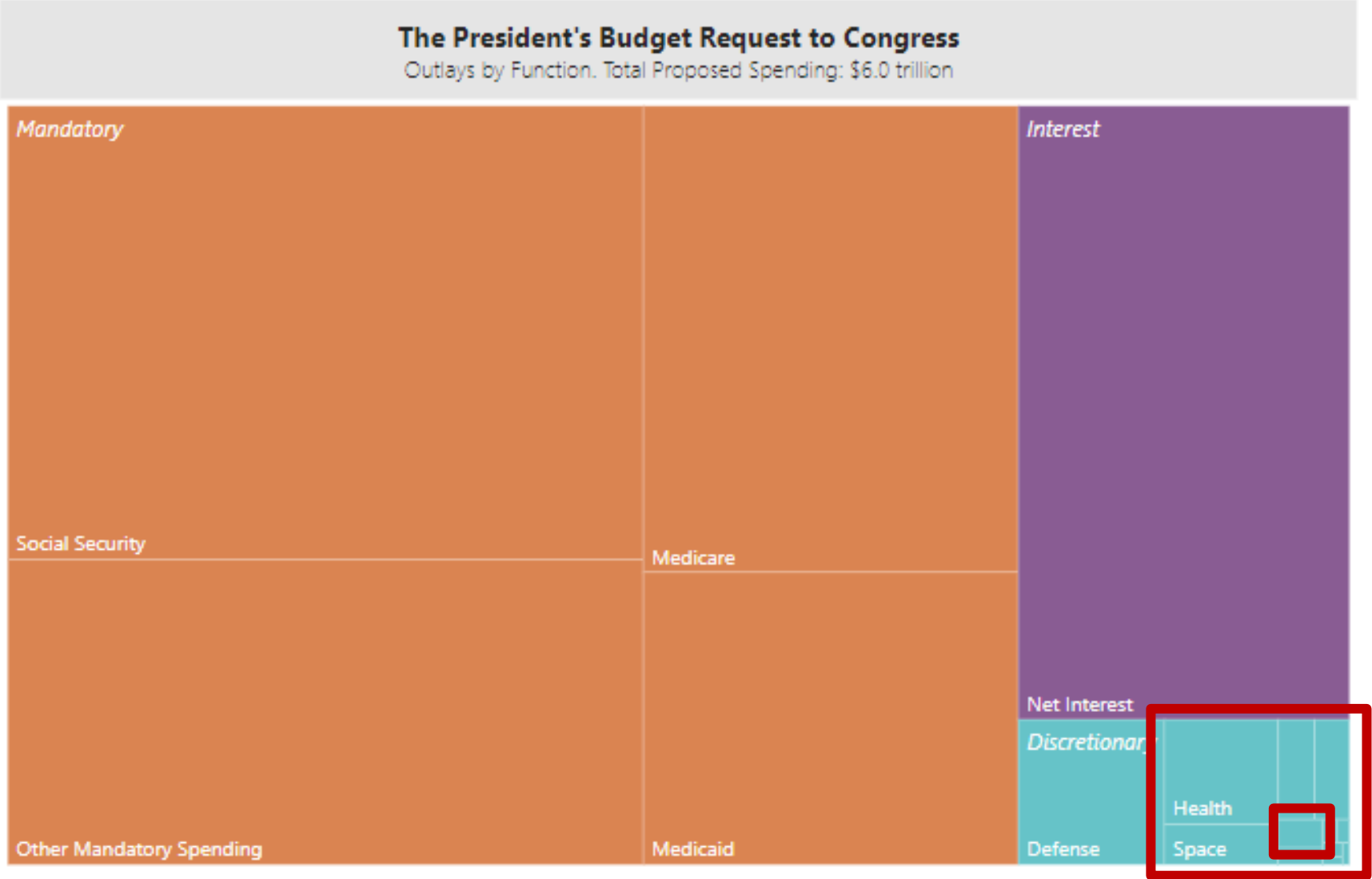
# Trumps First 10 Days

- Executive Orders
- OMB memos and guidance to federal agencies
- Hiring and travel freezes
- Communication freezes
- Federal worker buyouts
- DOGE

# “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



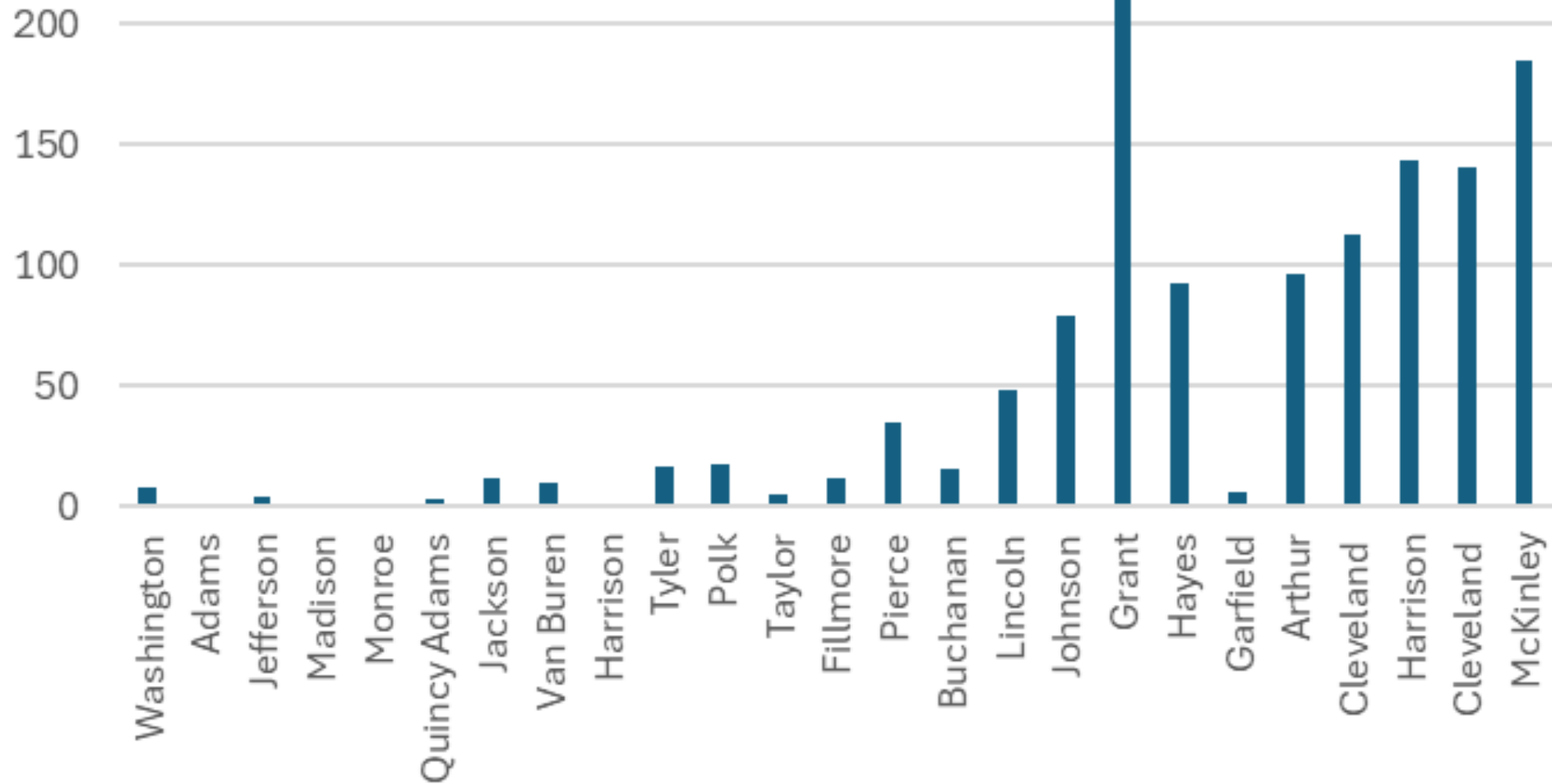
# What are Executive Orders?

- A directive by the President of the United States that manages operations of the federal government, details how legislation will be enforced, deals with emergencies/wars – **Aimed at those inside the government.**
- The U.S. Constitution gives the President broad authority to use discretion to determine how to enforce the law and/or manage the resources and staffing of the federal government.
  - Must cite specific constitutional or statutory authority
  - Must be published in the Federal Register
- Like laws enacted by Congress, EOs are subject to judicial review/can be challenged in court – is it supported by statute or the Constitution?
- Has the force of law.
- Remain in force until canceled, revoked, adjudicated unlawful, or expire.

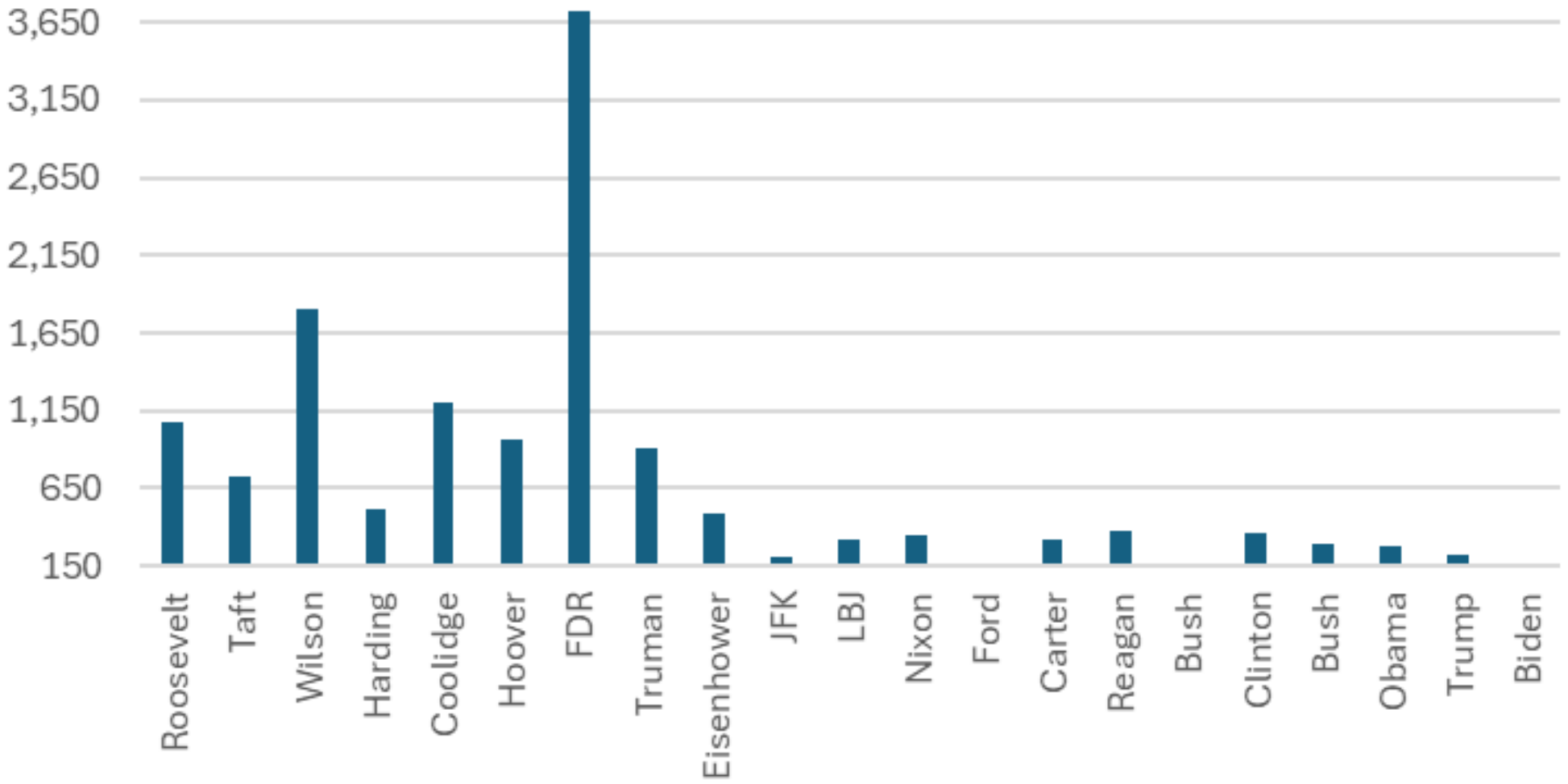
# But also...

- Presidential Proclamations – **do not** have the force of law
  - Aimed at those outside government
    - Ceremonial – observances, national holidays
    - Substantive – usually relate to foreign affairs and other executive duties
    - Presidential pardons
- Presidential Memorandum – **does** have force of law
  - Usually used to delegate tasks, direct agency actions, or start a regulatory process
  - Not required to be published in the Federal Register
  - Memoranda can be rescinded by EOs or other memoranda, but EOs cannot be changed by memoranda
  - E.g., Annual budget memo to science agencies
- OMB, OPM guidance, Department/Agency guidance

## Executive Orders, Washington - McKinley



# Executive Orders, Roosevelt - Biden



# Trump EOs—Week 1

- Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions (1/20/25) – Rescinds dozens of Biden Administration Executive Orders

# Rescinded Biden EOs

- Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities.
- Ensuring a Lawful and Accurate Enumeration and Apportionment Pursuant to the Decennial Census
- Preventing and Combating Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identify or Sexual Orientation.
- Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis.
- Protecting the Federal Workforce
- President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology
- Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad
- Establishment of the White House Gender Policy Council
- Guaranteeing an Educational Environment Free from Discrimination on the Basis of Sex
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in the Federal Workforce
- Advancing Equality for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex Individuals
- Promoting the Arts, the Humanities, and Museum and Library Services
- Revitalizing our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All
- Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of AI

# Trump EOs—Week 1

- EO: Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions (1/20/25) – Rescinds dozens of Biden Administration Executive Orders
- EO: Restoring Freedom of Speech and Ending Federal Censorship (1/20/25)
- EO: Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing (1/20/25)
- EO: Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Trust to the Federal Government (1/20/25)
- EO: Establishing and Implementing the President’s “Department of Government Efficiency” (1/20/25)



# Trump Actions—The Federal Workforce

- EO: Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing (1/20/25)
- EO: Restoring Accountability to Policy-Influencing Positions within the Federal Workforce (1/20/25) – Reinstates Trump Administration’s 2020 EO creating a new Schedule F in the Federal Excepted Service
- EO: Return to In-Person Work (1/20/25)
- EO: Hiring Freeze (1/20/25)
- Freeze on federal employee communication (1/21/25)
- Deferred Resignation Program (1/28/25)

# HHS Communications & Travel Freeze

- HHS Acting Secretary Dorothy Fink issued directive pausing public communication from health agencies until February 1 (NIH, CDC, FDA, etc.)
  - Refrain from sending documents intended for publication in the Federal Register until approved by a Presidential appointee.
  - No release of regulations, guidance, notice, grant announcements or communication through social media, websites, press releases, or listservs until approved by a Presidential appointee.
  - No public speaking engagement until the event and material have been reviewed and approved by a Presidential appointee.
- Impacts:
  - Advisory committee meetings have been postponed or cancelled.
  - Research grant review panels/study sections have been cancelled – no new awards
- NIH directed agency leaders to “immediately and indefinitely” suspend travel.

# Deferred Resignation Program

Upon review of the below deferred resignation letter, if you wish to resign:

- 1) Select “Reply” to this email. You must reply from your government account. A reply from an account other than your .gov or .mil account will not be accepted.
- 2) Type the word “**Resign**” into the body of this reply email. Hit “Send”.

# OMB Memo M-25-13 – Federal Funding Freeze

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THE DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

January 29, 2025

M-25-14

MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: Matthew J. Vaeth, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget 

SUBJECT: Rescission of M-25-13

OMB Memorandum M-25-13 is rescinded. If you have questions about implementing the President's Executive Orders, please contact your agency General Counsel.

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# Trump Executive Orders

1. Blatantly Unconstitutional (e.g., birthright citizenship EO/14<sup>th</sup> amendment)
  - Will be fought out in the courts
2. Policies in Statute (e.g., parts of DEI EO, firing of IGs)
  - The President cannot simply undo
  - Require an act of Congress to change
3. Actions requiring additional rule-making
  - Could take months or years
  - Include public comment periods
4. Can go into effect immediately (e.g., elimination of federal DEI positions)
5. Unprecedented actions (e.g., now-rescinded pause on financial assistance)

**Presidential Executive Orders DO NOT change law.**

**Instead, you view them as heads up on things to come and start to organize.**



 [Learn about NSF's implementation of recent executive orders.](#)



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# Message to the NSF principal investigator community

Jan. 29, 2025

Our top priority is resuming our funding actions and services to the research community and our stakeholders. We are working expeditiously to conduct a comprehensive review of our projects, programs and activities to be compliant with the existing executive orders.

We will continue to try and communicate with you as these changes are happening in real time.

NSF looks forward to working with the new administration to ensure long-term U.S. competitiveness in all fields of science and engineering for our economic and national security.

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# COSSA's Goals

1. Protect science funding
2. Protect the ability to conduct research unincumbered by politics
3. Protect the scientific workforce
4. Protect the place of science in society

# What you can do

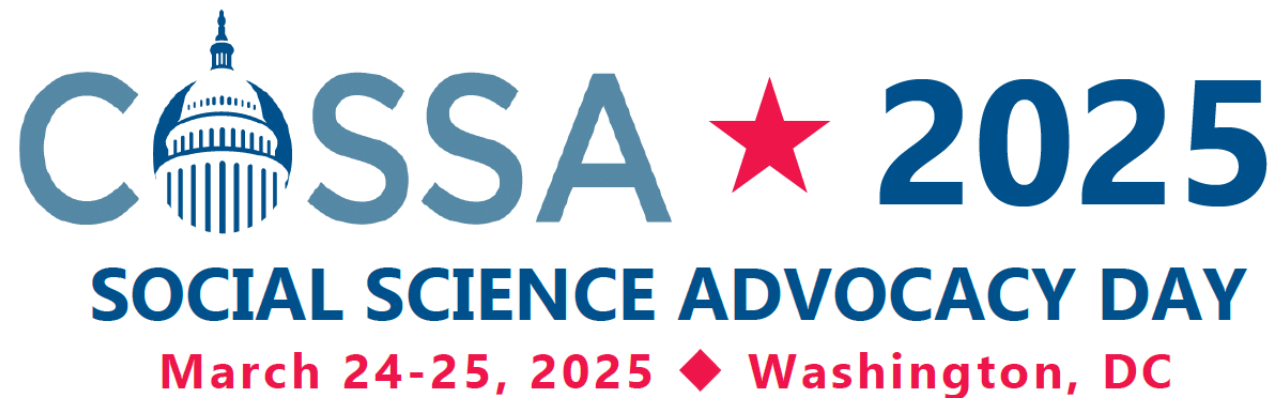
- TRY to stay calm and learn what is real.

# Ways to Stay Informed

- Federal Register: <https://www.federalregister.gov>
- Presidential Actions website: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions>
- Biden Administrative Actions Arched: <https://bidenwhitehouse.archives.gov>
- National Science Board Meeting, February 11-12:  
<https://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings>

# What you can do

- TRY to stay calm and learn what is real.
- COSSA Action Alerts.
- Subscribe to COSSA emails.
- Encourage others to subscribe and join COSSA.
- Join us in Washington on March 24-25!





# Coming Up on HEADLINES

## SAVE THE DATE!

- February 27 at 1:00 pm ET:
  - Latest on Trump actions
  - Congressional activities
  - Budget Reconciliation
  - Other news
- March 31 at 1:00 pm ET:
  - FY 2025 Budget outcome
  - FY 2026 Budget request
  - Latest Trump and Congressional actions
  - Other news

# Other Topics on the Table

- NIH reorganization
- Tax legislation



COSSA Town Hall:  
Understanding Current NIH Reform Proposals

Featuring: Wendy Naus, COSSA Executive Director  
September 12, 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

# Keep up with COSSA

- **COSSA Washington Update:** [cossa.org/washington-update](https://cossa.org/washington-update)
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Questions?





# 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?

# Senate Appropriations Committee

## Leadership:



**CHAIR:**  
Susan Collins (R-ME)



**RANKING MEMBER:**  
Patty Murray (D-WA)

## CJS Subcommittee:



**CHAIR:**  
Jerry Moran (R-KS)

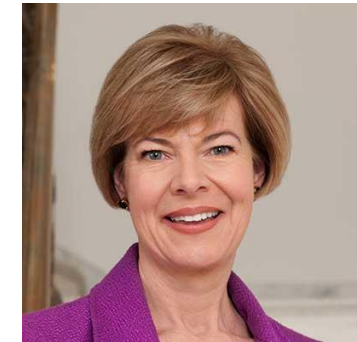


**RANKING MEMBER:**  
Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

## LHHS Subcommittee:



**CHAIR:**  
Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)



**RANKING MEMBER:**  
Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)

# Senate HELP Committee

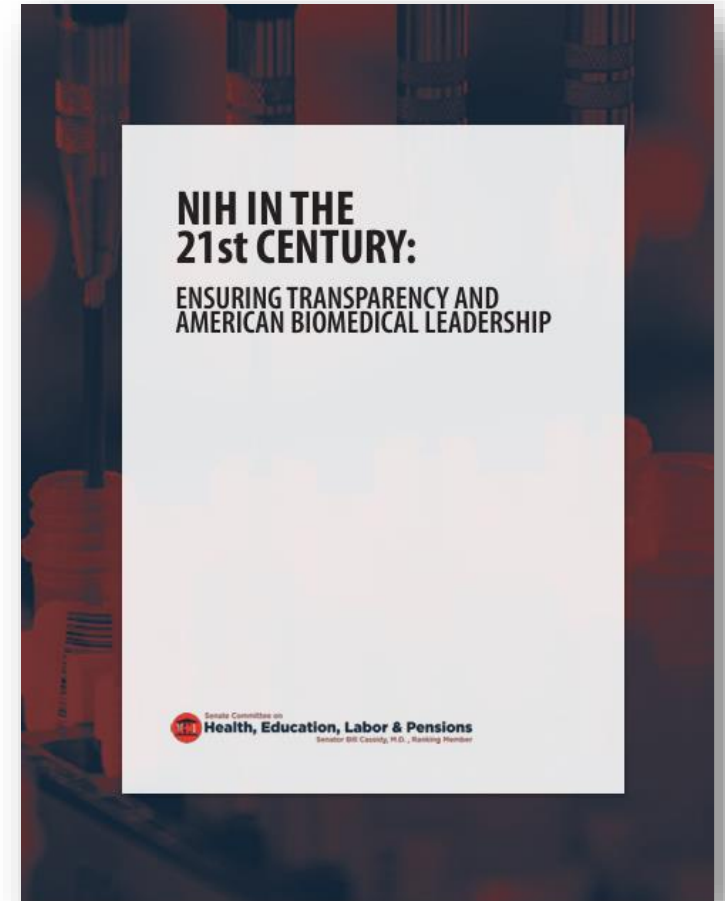
## Leadership:



CHAIR: Bill Cassidy (R-LA)



RANKING MEMBER:  
Bernie Sanders (I-VT)



# Senate Commerce, Science, & Transportation Committee

Leadership:



**CHAIR:** Ted Cruz (R-TX)

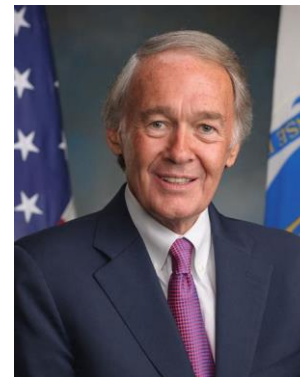


**RANKING MEMBER:**  
Maria Cantwell (D-WA)

Space and Science Subcommittee:



**CHAIR:**  
Eric Schmitt (R-MO)



**EXPECTED  
RANKING MEMBER:**  
Ed Markey (D-MA)

# House Appropriations Committee

## Leadership:



CHAIR: Tom Cole (R-OK)



RANKING MEMBER:  
Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)

## CJS Subcommittee:



CHAIR:  
Hal Rogers (R-KY)



RANKING MEMBER:  
Grace Meng (D-NY)

## LHHS Subcommittee:



CHAIR:  
Robert Aderholt (R-AL)



RANKING MEMBER:  
Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)

# House Energy & Commerce Committee

## Leadership:



**CHAIR: Brett Guthrie (R-KY)**



**RANKING MEMBER:  
Frank Pallone Jr. (D-NJ)**

## Health Subcommittee:



**CHAIR: Buddy Carter (R-GA)**



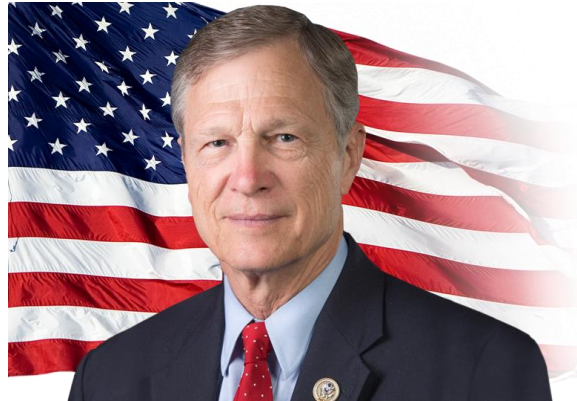
**VICE CHAIR: Neal Dunn (R-FL)**



**RANKING MEMBER:  
Diana Degette (D-CO)**



# House Science Committee



CHAIR: Brian Babin (R-TX)

*"The SST Committee has a unique opportunity to chart a course that will produce a generational impact. We must ensure our nation is not tethered to Earth by red tape – industry should operate at the rapid speed of innovation rather than the sluggish pace of bureaucracy."*

Brian Babin on being appointed as Chair of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee.



RANKING MEMBER:  
Zoe Lofgren (D-CA)

*"With science at the forefront, we have a responsibility and opportunity to support and deploy innovative solutions to build that bright future. From the depths of the ocean to the surface of Mars and beyond, we are lucky to have an exciting jurisdiction. I look forward to hitting the ground running as we recommit ourselves to advocating for federal science, tackling the climate crisis, building a diverse STEM workforce, and more."*

Zoe Lofgren on the Science, Space, and Technology Committee

# Trump Administration – Confirmations

Currently Appointed as Acting Directors:

- Dorothy A. Fink M.D., Director of the Office on Women's Health in the Department of Health and Human Services, has been named acting **Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS)**.
- Dr. Matthew Memoli, a National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases researcher focused on flu and other respiratory viruses, has been named acting director of the **National Institutes of Health (NIH)**.
- \*David Sacks has been named the Chair of the **President's Council of Advisors for Science and Technology (PCAST)**.
- \*Lynne Parker has been named the Director of the **President's Council of Advisors for Science and Technology (PCAST)**.

Confirmed Appointees:

- Pete Hegseth, Secretary of Defense





# Trump Administration – Pending Nominations

- Michael Kratsios, an alum of the first Trump Administration, as Director of the **White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)**
- Dave Weldon as the Director of the **Centers for Disease Control (CDC)**
- Dr. Jay Battacharya as the Director of the **National Institutes of Health (NIH)**
- RFK Jr. as the Secretary of **Health and Human Services (HHS)**
- Russel Vought as the Director of the **Office of Management and Budget (OMB)**
- Linda McMahon at the Director of **Education**

