

ENDING WEAPONIZATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

President Trump is laser-focused on eliminating the weaponized rot in our Federal Government once and for all. No longer will our Government target and abuse Americans. The President's FY 2026 Budget restores a Government by and for the people.

Ending Weaponized Programs Cuts Highlights:

- **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)** – Biden deployed the ATF to undermine and criminalize law-abiding gun ownership via abusive regulatory decrees. That ends under President Trump, but the bloated bureaucracy that targeted gun-owning Americans and Second Amendment rights must also be rolled back. The ATF created invasive databases, outlawed unregistered pistol braces and subjected the disabled vets who commonly use them to 10-year prison sentences, imposed unconstitutional restrictions on homemade firearms, and set a determined course to revoke as many Federal Firearms Licenses as possible to undermine the availability of firearms at retail. The Budget re-prioritizes resources to target illegal firearms traffickers fueling violent crime and to supply resources for State and local law enforcement to track down dangerous criminals, such as MS-13 gang members.
- **Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA)** – The Budget eliminates CISA's disinformation offices and programs that functioned as a hub in the Censorship Industrial Complex, conspiring against the First Amendment rights of President Trump and his supporters. CISA was more focused on cooperating with Big Tech to target free speech than our Nation's critical systems. Even CISA's own systems have fallen prey to attacks. Under President Trump's leadership, CISA will protect our critical infrastructure instead of censoring Americans. The Budget refocuses CISA on its core mission—Federal network defense and coordinating with critical infrastructure partners—while eliminating weaponization and waste. The Budget also streamlines the Agency by consolidating redundant security advisors and programs.
- **Internal Revenue Service (IRS)** – In addition to the IRS being used in past Democrat administrations to target conservative organizations, the IRS has built up a force of 19,000 new employees, as well as implementing a policy to force Americans to report Venmo and Cash App transactions over a low \$600 threshold. The President's Budget restores IRS as a neutral arbiter that will no longer use weaponized enforcement and overzealous rules against the American people. The Budget proposes to use spending reform to disempower the targeted harassment of conservatives by the IRS.
- **Environmental Protection Agency** – Under Obama and Biden, American businesses and citizens were targeted and harassed via “environmental justice” directives, tyrannical over-enforcement of regulations, and restrictive consent decrees. The Budget cuts funding for these legally dubious and overzealous persecutions.

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- **U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)** – The Budget proposes the closure of the wasteful and weaponized USAID, and transfers remaining programs under the umbrella of the State Department so they can be managed effectively. USAID has strayed from its original mission, and has been entirely unaccountable to taxpayers. It has funded non-profits linked to terrorist organizations, the notorious EcoHealth Alliance involved in creating the COVID-19 lab leak research, and censorship against so-called “misinformation,” along with numerous well-documented woke, wasteful, and weaponized grants. The Budget proposes to eliminate these subversive grant programs and allocate funding to programs working toward American interests.
- **Weaponized Unfair Housing** – The Budget eliminates the so-called Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) that provides grants to leftist organizations in their “war on suburbs,” saving taxpayers \$60 million. The FHIP provides grants to organizations to pursue redlining and racial justice cases that jam up the private sector with unnecessary and wealth-destroying litigation without any evidence of actual discrimination. “Disparate impact” is often used euphemistically by the FHIP to practice discrimination in favor of minorities and the LGBT community. The Budget would, however, maintain support for the Fair Housing Assistance Program that supports State and local enforcement agencies, who collectively process about 80 percent of the Nation’s fair housing complaints under the Fair Housing Act.
- **National Endowment for Democracy (NED)** – The Budget defunds this program that under the Biden Administration was used to dox journalists, push propaganda, and blacklist conservative media outlets, saving \$315 million. In March 2025, it was uncovered that the Ukraine disinformation organization that doxxed U.S. journalists, called for prosecutions of Trump world, and smeared the likes of Vice President Vance and others as “foreign propagandists of the Russian Federation,” were funded by NED. NED also funded the now-infamous State Department Disinformation Index Foundation that targeted and blacklisted conservative media outlets such as Federalist, Newsmax, TAC, the Blaze, NYP, etc.
- **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)** – The Budget cuts wasteful and woke FEMA grant programs, refocusing the Agency on sound emergency management. The priorities of FEMA have been demonstrated in official training to indoctrinate “intersectionality” and “investment in diversity and inclusion efforts” over disaster prevention and response, culminating in aid workers being directed to skip the homes of President Trump’s supporters in the wake of a disaster. Programs such as “Targeting Violence and Terrorism Prevention” were also weaponized to target parents attending school board meetings or Catholic mass deemed “radical traditionalists.”

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- **The U.S. Institute of Peace** – The Budget cements the closure of this Agency that was effectively run as an opaque left-wing think tank and grant disburser within the Federal Government. It operated similarly to USAID, seemingly funding groups tied to the Taliban and Iraqi leadership, groups linked to narco-trafficking, and groups that foment conflict within other nations. It promoted radical gender ideology, green new deal style policies, and other divisive concepts.
- **National Institutes of Health (NIH)** – The Budget proposes to reform NIH and focus NIH research activities in line with the President's commitment to Make America Healthy Again, instead of foreign interests. The NIH's inability to prove that its grants to the Wuhan Institute of Virology and dangerous gain-of-function research were not complicit in or contribute to a possible leak is evidence that it is incapable of holding itself accountable. The NIH has also promoted radical gender ideology to the detriment of America's youth, including a study titled "Psychosocial Functioning in Transgender Youth after 2 Years of Hormones," in which two participants died by suicide.