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“Responsibility, in order to be reasonable, must be limited to objects within the power of the responsible party, and in order to be effectual, must relate to operations of that power, of which a ready and proper judgment can be formed by the constituents.” —James Madison (1788)

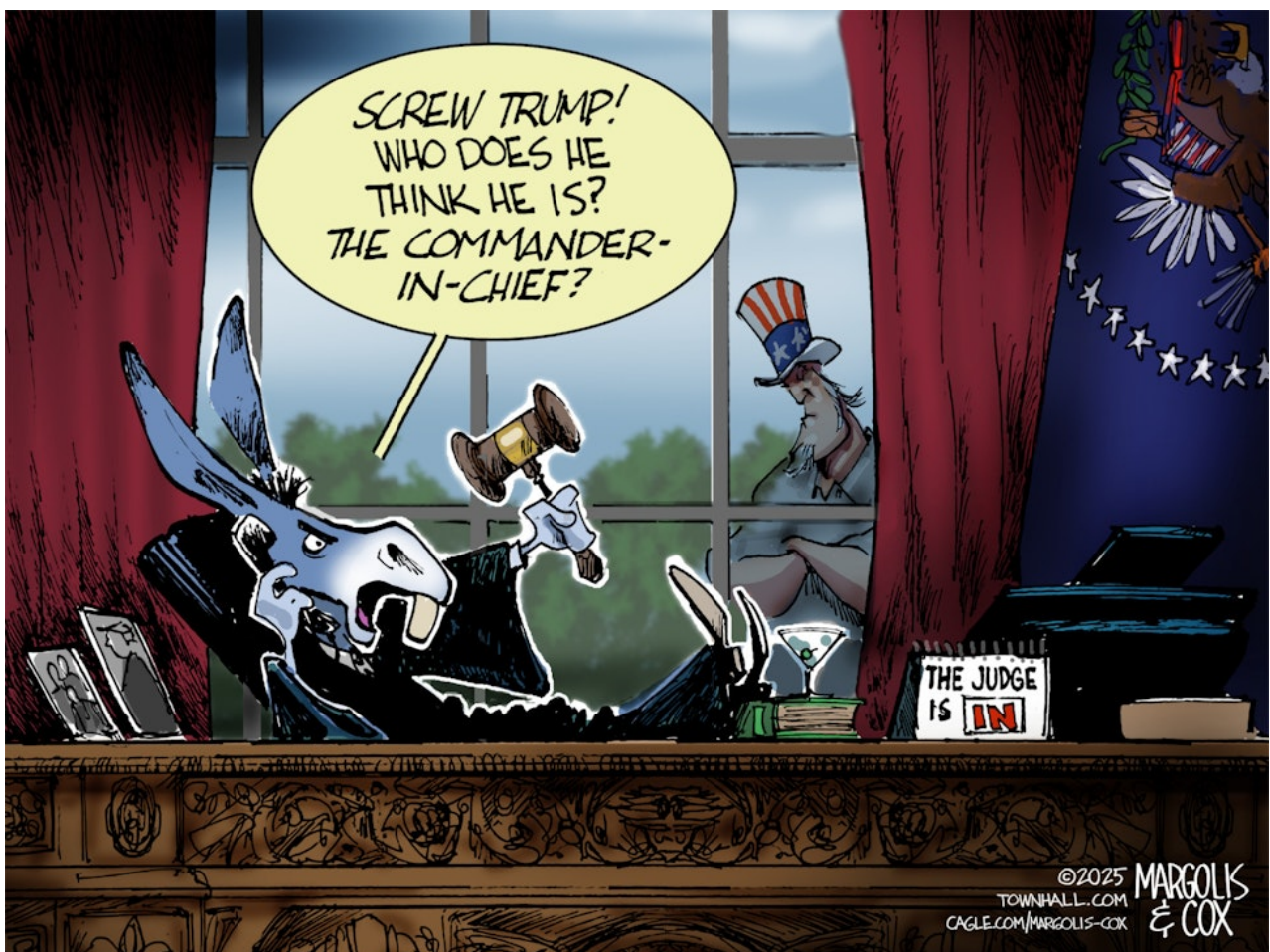
IN TODAY'S DIGEST

EXECUTIVE NEWS SUMMARY

Thomas Gallatin, Sterling Henry, & Jordan Candler

- **Trump pauses (most) tariffs:** After a week of steep stock market losses in response to Donald Trump's “shock and awe” tariff strategy, yesterday he announced a 90-day pause on his worldwide tariffs (except for raising tariffs further on the real target, China). The market welcomed the news with a historic rally. Wall Street has been very volatile since “Liberation Day,” but on Wednesday it soared between Trump's announcement and the market closing, and global markets followed overnight. Still, as the tariffs are only on pause and deals have yet to be made, volatility remains this morning, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average down 2.4% at the time of writing. Despite The Wall Street Journal and others calling the 90-day pause a “blink” from Trump, this was a calculated gambit all along. His art form involves preparing for chaos, creating the chaos, and then seizing advantage from the chaos while everyone else panics. It often seems to be a winning strategy.

- **Inflation report:** Inflationary growth slowed more than expected in March, as the consumer price index fell by 0.1%, dipping the 12-month inflation rate to 2.4%. Overall, food and energy prices, or the core inflation rate, also increased less than anticipated, rising just 0.1% in March, with the annual rate hitting 2.8%. That represents the lowest rise in core inflation since March 2021. These are all positive numbers, but given Donald Trump's recent tariff actions, economists question whether this inflationary deceleration will continue. Of concern is a significant drop in small business optimism, as the National Federation of Independent Business noted its business optimism index had its largest monthly decline since June 2022. So, it's good news overall, but with a hefty dose of uncertainty.
- **Two more judges block deportations:** In a trend that will most likely continue, two new stays have been issued to block Trump's mass deportations. The Supreme Court partially sided with Trump on Monday, overturning a temporary restraining order from Judge James Boasberg that stopped deportations nationally. The problem for the administration is that the SCOTUS decision was based on jurisdiction and didn't challenge the right to issue a temporary restraining order in appropriate venues — i.e., the district detainees are in. The issue for the Court is that detainees and deportees must have a habeas hearing whereby they can contest their deportation. For the Trump administration and law-abiding Americans, the frustration arises from the lack of judicial oversight during the previous administration's border invasion.



- **House passes bill to limit nationwide injunctions:** On Wednesday, House Republicans successfully passed the No Rogue Ruling Act, which aims to counter judicial activism by limiting the ability of federal judges to issue nationwide injunctions. The bill passed by a vote of 219-213, with one Republican, Mike Turner (OH), siding with Democrats in voting against the legislation. The bill's sponsor, Darrel Issa (CA), specifically highlighted the increasing use of nationwide injunctions as “yet another gambit to stop President Trump from exercising his constitutional powers and carrying out the policies he promised the American people he would make a reality.” Should the bill become law, it would require a three-judge panel randomly selected in cases brought by two or more states against the executive branch for any nationwide injunctions to be ordered. A similar bill has been introduced in the Senate.
- **Another IRS chief resigns:** Acting IRS Director Melanie Krause announced her resignation on Wednesday following an agreement between the Treasury Department and DHS granting access to taxpayer data to help ICE identify illegal aliens. According to sources, Krause's resignation was in protest of this deal. She has now become the third IRS chief to resign from the post since Donald Trump took office. Former Acting Director Doug O'Donnell resigned in February over the Treasury's first effort at a data-sharing deal with DHS, and former Senate-confirmed Director Danny Wefel quit on Trump's first day. Following the data-sharing agreement, DHS spokesman Tricia McLaughlin argued, “Under President Trump's leadership, the government is finally doing what it should have done all along: sharing information across the federal government to solve problems.” Meanwhile, the IRS announced last Friday it would lay off workers in a downsizing effort to trim 25% of its bloated workforce.
- **Unemployment benefits for “fake people”:** DOGE continues its good work uncovering waste and fraud in the federal government, and the most recent announcement is a doozy. Some future American born in the year 2154 AD has already collected \$41,000 in unemployment insurance claims. You know the economy is bad when someone not yet conceived can't find work. Also found in DOGE's survey are 24,500 people over the age of 115 collecting \$59,000,000, 28K people under five years old collecting \$254 million, and almost 10K people born at least 15 years in the future collecting \$69 million in benefits. If you're going to commit fraud, maybe stick to birth years that are actually possible.



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- **Dems sue to block voter ID:** Roughly 80% of Americans favor requiring voter ID to cast a ballot. Yet Democrats continue to insist that one of the most apparent and basic means for safeguarding elections is “racist.” Attorneys general from 19 Democrat-run states have raised a lawsuit against Donald Trump’s voter ID executive order that mandates government-issued proof of U.S. citizenship for voter registration irrespective of a state’s voter ID laws. The lawsuit claims that Trump’s EO violates the Constitution because it interferes with state sovereignty in regulating elections. According to Trump’s order, states that fail to abide by it will lose federal funding. The question is, why are these Democrat-led states opposed to a commonsense measure like voter ID? Is it because they are opposed to preventing election fraud?

- **No nukes for Iran:** Unlike [the Biden regime](#), the Trump administration is signaling that it takes the threat of Iran seriously. The Biden weakness on Iran was rewarded with the [October 7 assault on Israel](#). Trump is taking a different approach with a maximum pressure campaign and increased sanctions on two key players in Iran's nuclear development, the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) and the Iran Centrifuge Technology Company (TESA), ahead of planned talks in Oman on Saturday. These sanctions focus on denying AEOI and TESA resources and materials needed for uranium enrichment or research facilities. The Trump team is in negotiation mode for these talks, but the key point — stopping Iran's "reckless pursuit of nuclear weapons" — must be achieved. If these talks fail, Iran must consider America's current military posture in the Middle East, including two carrier strike groups.

Headlines

- House approves Senate blueprint for "big, beautiful" Trump budget bill after conservative rebellion ([NY Post](#))
- U.S. and Russia swap prisoners in deal arranged by intelligence agencies ([WSJ](#))
- Biden admin held private talks with Beijing on Chinese spy balloon ahead of notifying public ([Fox News](#))
- DHS to screen visa applicants for anti-Semitism activity on social media ([UPI](#))
- Pentagon eliminates woke violations of Trump's executive orders ([Daily Signal](#))
- Federal agencies spent \$4.6 billion on furniture for empty buildings ([The Federalist](#))
- Colorado background checks surge as gun rights restrictions advance ([Complete Colorado](#))
- Humor: Here are the products most affected by tariffs in each country ([Babylon Bee](#))

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FEATURED ANALYSIS

Just Say No to Low-Flow Showerheads

Nate Jackson



"Low flow? Well, I don't like the sound of *that*," a skeptical Cosmo Kramer replied after hearing the news that his apartment's superintendent was having the showerheads changed. That classic "Seinfeld" episode hilariously illustrated a very real problem President Donald Trump hopes to fix.

Indeed, Kramer's fears came true. "These showers are horrible!" he indignantly hollers to Jerry Seinfeld as they both stand there with greasy, matted hair. "There's no pressure! I can't get the shampoo out of my hair!" Eventually, Jerry, Kramer, and Newman turn to a guy selling black-market showerheads out of the trunk of his car.

Leave it to government bureaucrats to make comedy not very funny in real life.

Fortunately, the president has a great sense of humor and a plan to fix the problem. "I like to take a nice shower to take care of my beautiful hair," Trump joked as he prepared to sign an [executive order](#) on the subject. "I have to stand in the shower for 15 minutes until

it gets wet. It comes out — drip, drip, drip. It's ridiculous. And what you do is you end up washing your [hair] five times longer."

Joe Biden waged what Trump called "a war on showers" by regulating the water pressure of showerheads and other appliances, and Trump just reversed it. Again. He had reversed Barack Obama's similar regulations during his first term, so as he reversed it this time, he noted that he's hoping to get Congress on board with making it more permanent. Technically, Trump is restoring the regulation to the 2.5 gallons per minute limit set by a 1992 energy law — hence that 1996 "Seinfeld" episode.

Naturally, the Biden administration pointed to climate change to justify this and many other shenanigans. "As many parts of America experience historic droughts," said Biden Energy Department official Kelly Speakes-Backman, "this commonsense proposal means consumers can purchase showerheads that conserve water and save them money on their utility bills."

If there were a narrator on this show, he'd pause here and say, *It did not, in fact, save consumers money on their utility bills.*

In February, Washington Post columnist Mark Lasswell wrote about a 2024 study that concluded, "Water consumption was reduced by up to 56% with high water pressure." That's likely because shower users change their behavior in response to poor performance from low-flow heads.

It's not just showers. Heavy-handed regulations of many household appliances have left consumers with fewer choices at a higher cost — all for lower-performing and less reliable products. In a fact sheet, Trump's White House said, "The Biden Administration aggressively targeted everyday appliances like gas stoves, water heaters, washing machines, furnaces, dishwashers, and more, waging war on the reliable tools Americans depend on daily. These appliances worked perfectly fine before Biden's meddling piled on convoluted regulations that made those appliances worse. "

Remember the gas stove debacle? Recall who made EVs a political issue? Biden's entire plan was low energy and high cost.

Just this week, I've talked to two appliance repairmen who vouch for the decline in quality and durability caused by overregulation. I sold my last house in 2015, and it still had a fully functioning oven manufactured in 1953. In my current home, I've already replaced an oven that was 50 years newer.

Everyone reading this has had the same experience with modern appliances, wistfully recalling your old appliances. We all know a simple truth: They don't make 'em like they used to.

Why is that? It's largely the fault of do-gooder bureaucrats operating at the behest of the ecofascists dictating Democrat presidential orders.

Fortunately, Trump isn't just working to fix showerheads. As the White House said on Inauguration Day, "President Trump's energy actions empower consumer choice in vehicles, showerheads, toilets, washing machines, lightbulbs and dishwashers."

At Reason magazine, Marc Oestreich notes, "In February, Trump's DOE postponed three Biden-era efficiency rules related to central A.C. and heat pumps, walk-in coolers and freezers, and gas tankless water heaters. It also carved a special regulatory category, freeing tankless heaters from Biden's near-ban. Just last week, the DOE cut four more rules outright — impacting ceiling fans, dehumidifiers, external power supplies, and the electric motors that power almost everything."

Trump is right that Congress must get involved for these welcome deregulatory moves to last. I blamed the Democrats above, but Ronald Reagan signed the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act of 1987, and George H.W. Bush signed the Energy Policy Act of 1992. Both Republicans bear some responsibility for their successors' regulations based on those laws. It will happen again without better legislation.

Making America Great Again means getting the federal government out of your kitchen and bathroom.

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MORE ANALYSIS

- Emmy Griffin: [Colorado Dems Want Kidnapping by the State](#) — Legislators are attempting to enforce "pronouns" and punish parents who don't comply by taking away their gender-confused children.
- Samantha Koch: [Disney Girl Bosses](#) — Someone needs to ask Disney executives and creators if they know what a woman is.
- Douglas Andrews: [A Doctor Speaks Out Against the Cult](#) — If the Biden DOJ expected Eithan Haim to cave, it was gravely mistaken.
- Thomas Gallatin: [Funding the Climate Cult of Doom](#) — Hiring contractors to uphold the Left's climate alarmist narrative is not how real science is done.
- Patrick Hampton: [Trump Is Not the Root Cause of the Black Struggle](#) — We must shift our focus from external figures to the systemic issues within our own neighborhoods that require urgent resolution.

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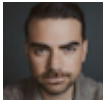




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PopCon #91: Don't Be a 'Panican' About Tariffs

Few can agree on whether Trump's tariff tactics will result in a big win or a devastating loss, but we all agree that this is a high-risk moment.

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- [Don't Be a 'Panican' Over Trump's Tariffs and Wall Street](#) — Victor Davis Hanson breaks down the numbers, the history, and the media narrative behind the current economic anxiety.

- Democrats in the 1800s vs. Now — The Democrat Party has quite a long history. It's said that at some point they flipped ideologies with Republicans. But how much did they really change over time?
- Kill Babies, Save Money — Colorado passes a bill to publicly fund abortions.
- Exorcism Opened My Eyes to the Trans Craze — Andrew Gold made a fascinating discovery while reporting on an exorcism cult in Argentina — it looked just like the trans craze among American teen girls.
- The Reason Communism and Marxism Always Fail — Jacob Howland and Jordan Peterson discuss communism and Marxism's brutal flaws and the reason society fragments when words (and their meanings) are not held sacred.
- The Internet Destroyed Her Life Overnight — Mary Kate Cornett, an Ole Miss freshman, broke the Internet back in February after a wild rumor spread about her allegedly sleeping with her boyfriend's dad.

SHORT CUTS

Giving Away the Game

"The cruel spree to terrorize immigrants screws over ALL working Americans. Undocumented people pay BILLIONS into Medicare, social sec, & programs they are ineligible for." —Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez apparently suggesting illegal immigrants should serve as an underclass that supports real Americans

A Trip Down Memory Lane

"I tend to more agree with President Trump than I did with President Obama [or] Bush on trade. ... I hope he's really tough on China." —Senate Democrat Leader Chuck Schumer, 2017

The Art of the Deal

"I have authorized a 90 day PAUSE, and a substantially lowered Reciprocal Tariff during this period." —Donald Trump

"See? Trust the President. He understands trade and economics and NEGOTIATIONS better than his critics give him credit for. The critiques from certain Senate Republicans were premature, to say the least." —Rep. Dan Crenshaw

"Foreign countries would not be coming to America trying to reduce their tariffs if Pres. Trump had not done what he did. Pres. Trump won — let's pounce on these deals like a ninja." —Sen. John Kennedy

"The world is ready to work with President Trump to fix global trade, and China has chosen the opposite direction." —Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick

“104% tariffs on China are not enough. I’m advocating 400%. I do business in China. They don’t play by the rules.” —Kevin O’Leary (*Trump has since raised tariffs on China to 125%.*)

“Why not go all the way: Eliminate the income tax and pay for government the way we used to before we passed the 16th Amendment, which allowed for a federal income tax. Trump is right that this was one of the nation’s greatest mistakes. Prior to that, we funded government through tariffs and land sales. If this happened, taxes on work, saving, investment and entrepreneurship would largely disappear.” —[Stephen Moore](#)

Astute Opposing Viewpoints

“The easier way to enter into trade negotiations with our major allies and tariff China would have been...to enter into trade negotiations with our major allies and tariff China.” —Rich Lowry

“For the hacks saying this is all 4D chess to go after China...we could have done ALL OF THIS by just going after China.” —Ian Haworth

“Much of what is happening troubles me because I see core principles that I believe to be true being violated. For one thing, I am a capitalist and not a socialist. The defining difference between these diametrically opposed approaches to economics is that central to capitalism is the role of the free market and central to socialism is the idea that economic outcomes can be planned and controlled by government.” —[Star Parker](#)

Upright

“I want to be VERY clear. China did not BUILD this canal, China does not operate this canal, and China will not weaponize this canal.” —Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth

Re: The Left

“The sad fact is that much of environmentalism is beholden to an overwhelmingly negative worldview where everything but doomsday warnings of the effects of global warming is unwelcome.” —[Rich Lowry](#)

Belly Laugh of the Day

“I know Stephen A. Smith wants to run as a Democrat in 2028 but he’s gonna have a TOUGH time beating their frontrunner Luigi Mangione.” —Jimmy Failla

And Last...

“Any reporter who chooses to put their preferred pronouns in their bio clearly does not care about biological reality or truth and therefore cannot be trusted to write an honest story.” —White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt

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ON THIS DAY in 1942, roughly 75,000 American and Filipino warriors captured by the Japanese began the brutal 90-mile Bataan Death March. Casualty estimates differ, but somewhere between 5,500 and 18,650 POWS died along the way, often shot on the spot for falling down. The Japanese commander and two deputies were later executed for war crimes.

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