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THE GUARDIAN

Keir Starmer abolishes health service's executive body NHS England, saying the move would free up cash for doctors, nurses and frontline services, and cut red tape to help speed up improvements in the NHS, with the government aiming to slash waiting lists by the next election.

CNN

ICE arrests Palestinian activist Mahmoud Khalil. The case, seemingly the first of its kind, sets the stage for what could come as the Trump administration ramps up its targeting of foreign students and pro-Palestinian demonstrations on college campuses. President Donald Trump had touted Khalil's arrest and vowed to find and deport others like him.

CBC NEWS

Who is Mark Carney?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-zYupTTZ5E>



an e'xecutive (/ɪg'zekjətɪv/) **'body** : un organe exécutif, une instance décisionnelle

NHS England is a publicly funded body that oversees the National Health Service (NHS) in England. It manages the budget, sets priorities, and ensures the delivery of healthcare services.

to free up : libérer, dégager

Ø red tape : la paperasse

to speed up = to accelerate

to slash = to decrease drastically

by : d'ici

ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) is the American federal immigration police that arrests and deportes undocumented immigrants.

'seemingly /'si:mɪŋli/ : en apparence

to set the stage = to prepare

the Trump admini'stration ▲ Notez que Trump prend la place ici d'un adjectif et ne prend pas la marque du génitif saxon. Dès lors, un article est nécessaire devant *administration*, comme devant tout nom dénombrable singulier.

to ramp up = to increase, to intensify

a demon'stration = a protest

to tout /taʊt/ = to promote, to try to sell sth

to vow /vaʊ/ = to promise

0:05 - **to succeed [someone] as** : succéder à quelqu'un

0:24 - **trading** : commercial

0:26 - **reliable** = trustworthy

0:41 - **a boost in polling** : de meilleurs résultats dans les sondages

1:23 - **to address something head on** : ne pas passer par quatre chemins

1:36 - **to drop the gloves** : mettre au défi

1:40 - **make no mistake** : qu'on ne s'y trompe pas

1:58 - **to step down** = to resign = to quit

2:12 - **to be up in the air** = to be uncertain

2:22 - **pundits** = experts

2:26 - **fraught** = tense, difficult

3:31 - **to feel the financial pinch**: ressentir une pression financière

3:35 - **to fix** = to repair

3:48 - **abroad** : à l'étranger

3:50 - **be it** : que ce soit

4:00 - **cooler heads** = people who remain calm in tense situations

4:00 - **to prevail** = to triumph over sth/sby

Trump Campaigned as a Protector of Free Speech. Critics Say His Actions as President Threaten It.
TIME, March 12th 2025

When President Donald Trump gave his joint address to Congress last week, he boasted that in his first few weeks back in the White House he had “brought free speech back to America.” But First Amendment advocates say they've never seen freedom of speech under attack the way it has been in Trump's second term. [...]

Trump on Monday took credit for the arrest by immigration agents of Mahmoud Khalil, a Columbia University graduate student and legal permanent resident who helped lead pro-Palestinian protests there. Khalil's lawyers say the government is targeting him for his activism and to “discriminate against particular viewpoints.” [...]

On the other end of the political spectrum, activists who organized to protest the war in Gaza were aghast at the administration's move. “We learn about our First Amendment rights since we’re children,” said Germán Rafael González, a member of Stanford University's Students for Justice in Palestine. “But that is very much a myth. It’s not the reality we live in right now. And it’s scary.” Prior to the arrest of Khalil over the weekend, the administration pressured Columbia University to crack down on anti-Israel activism among students and faculty, and Trump has threatened to go after any college that supports protests he deems “illegal.”

He also issued an order forbidding federal funding of what his administration labels diversity, equity and inclusion, which led to a freeze on federal grants as the administration reviews them for forbidden words such as “gender.” [...]

Republicans for several years have been the party complaining about infringements on the First Amendment, from complaints about “woke” colleges canceling conservative speakers to bashing social media companies they accuse of censoring conservative viewpoints, including cutting Trump off after the Jan. 6, 2021, attack by his supporters on the U.S. Capitol. GOP-controlled Florida and Texas even drew up laws to limit how social media firms regulate content, though the U.S. Supreme Court kept them on hold last year because of possible First Amendment violations.

Last year, Trump positioned himself as a champion of the First Amendment during his campaign, and he signed an executive order just hours after being sworn into office prohibiting anyone in the federal government from interfering with Americans' free speech rights. But he also made pledges that signaled he might oppose some of the First Amendment's fundamental protections, such as deporting foreign students who protested Israel or outlawing flag-burning, which the Supreme Court has ruled is protected free speech.

The Trump administration also has gone after the news media. The president has sued several outlets for coverage he dislikes, and his appointees at the Federal Communications Commission have helped pressure those media companies. Meanwhile, Trump's FCC is opening investigations of other media companies with which Trump has feuded, and the administration has barred The Associated Press from the White House press pool because it won't use Trump's preferred name for the Gulf of Mexico. [...]

'a **critic** (noun) = someone who criticizes ≠ critical (adj) ≠ criticism (noun)
 'boasted /'boʊstɪd/ = bragged, claimed **The First Amendment** of the American Constitution guarantees the right to free speech. 'advocates /'ædvəkət/ = supporters **term** /tɜ:m/: ici, mandat
 to 'target : viser **the po'litical spectrum** : l'échiquier politique
 a'ghast at /ə'gæst æt/ = shocked by **prior to** = before
to crack down on /'kræk daʊn/ = to clamp down on, to suppress **a college** is an American university
to deem = to consider **to 'label** = to identify sth as **a freeze** : un gel
a grant : une bourse, un financement **an in'fringement** = a breach, a transgression
to bash /'bæʃ/ = to criticize harshly **to draw** (drew, drawn) **up a law** = to propose a law
on hold = suspended, paused **pledges** = promises
to 'outlaw /'aʊtlɔ:/ **sth** = to make sth illegal **to sue** /su:/ = to take legal action against, to file a lawsuit
to feud /fju:d/ = to fight **to bar** = to ban, to prohibit