

News review

January 27th – February 2nd, 2025



The DeepSeek panic

- launch of DeepSeek R1, an AI language model built by a Chinese AI lab
- // ChatGPT but built on a shoestring budget
- It immediately became one of the most downloaded apps.
- → hysteria/panic in the Silicon Valley and Wall Street (\$1tn sell-off of tech stocks).





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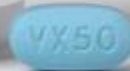
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50 mg

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New non-opioid painkiller

- .The FDA (Food and Drug Administration) approved JOURNVAX, a new non-opioid painkiller
- .It blocks pain signals to the brain, but does not get into the brain, and thus is nonaddictive.
- .Death toll of the US opioid epidemic: more than 645 000.



'NO SURVIVORS FOUND'
US PLANE-HELICOPTER CRASH

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 - Trading blame: Trump blamed DEI programs ; his opponents blame Trump's decision to fire the head of the Transportation Security Administration and to gut the Aviation Security Advisory Committee.
 - Investigation under way

Monday, January 27, 2025

ABC NEWS

**Trump pauses
federal grants
and loans**



Wednesday, January 29, 2025: The Trump Administration rescinded the spending freeze memo



Trump tariffs: which countries are affected and what does this mean?

Imports from Mexico and Canada will be taxed at 25% and China 10% - but US consumers are likely to pay the price



**“WILL THERE BE SOME
PAIN? YES, MAYBE (AND
MAYBE NOT!)”**

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

ON NEW TARIFFS AGAINST MEXICO, CANADA AND CHINA



Canada announces retaliatory tariffs on long-time ally

By Promit Mukherjee

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Trump Says U.S. Will Hold Migrants at Guantánamo

The president suggested 30,000 migrants could be housed on the base. It is unclear how the plan will take shape.



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The U.S. Navy base at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, in 2023. Marisa Schwartz Taylor/The New York Times

Government efficiency

.In an email, the Trump administration has offered 2 million federal workers the option to resign and receive pay for eight months, in a major effort to shrink/downsize the US government.

.Confusion.

.Purge?

The purge continues

Trump Administration Shocks Senior F.B.I. Ranks by Moving to Replace Them

Top officials have been told to retire or be fired in the coming days, fueling fear within an agency that has been a target of President Trump and Kash Patel, his nominee to be F.B.I. director.



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The F.B.I. headquarters in Washington in November. The senior bureau employees given the apparent ultimatum had been promoted under the agency's former director, Christopher A. Wray. Rod Lamkey Jr. for The New York Times

Child poverty predicted to rise in most of UK except Scotland

Joseph Rowntree Foundation calls for changes to benefits system amid pressure on Labour to scrap two-child limit

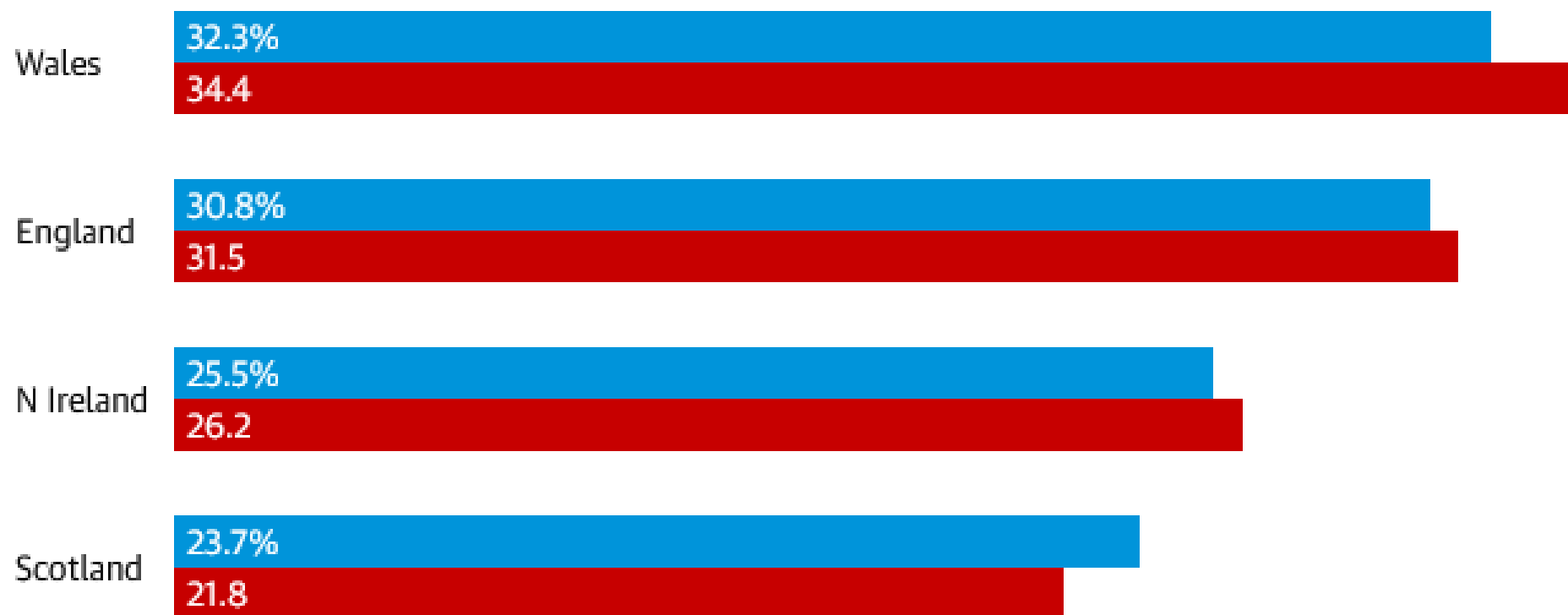


📷 Labour's election manifesto committed it to an 'ambitious strategy' to reduce child poverty.

Child poverty outlook across the UK is bleak, with only Scotland predicted to improve

Relative child poverty rates*

■ Jan 2025 ■ Jan 2029 prediction



Guardian graphic. Source: JRF analysis using the IPPR tax and benefit microsimulation model. Note: *child living in a household where the income, after housing costs, is below 60% of the median

Rachel Reeves's plan for growth



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celebrate every month.**



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