

Press Review
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Reeves to put £2bn into affordable housing to 'sweeten the pill' of cuts

Chancellor will announce plans to fund 18,000 social homes before fraught spring statement on Wednesday

Jessica Elgot and Richard Partington

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📷 Rachel Reeves and the deputy prime minister, Angela Rayner, will announce the housing funding on Tuesday and herald it as the 'biggest boost to social and affordable housing in a generation'.
Photograph: Cameron Smith/Getty Images

Spring statement: Reeves blames 'global uncertainty' for deeper spending cuts

Chancellor says tougher measures required to plug fiscal hole after Treasury watchdog halves 2025 growth forecast

- [Spring statement: key points](#)
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Welfare cuts, defence and public spending: key takeaways from the spring statement - video

Russia and Ukraine agree to 'eliminate the use of force' in Black Sea


Kremlin stipulates maritime ceasefire will start only if it gets sanctions relief on agricultural exports

Dan Sabbagh in Kyiv, **Pjotr Sauer**, and **Andrew Roth** in Washington

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 Volodymyr Zelenskyy, at a press conference on 25 March, said Ukraine was concerned the US appeared to be talking to the Kremlin about territory. Photograph: Genya Savilov/AFP/Getty Images

Just Stop Oil to 'hang up the hi-vis' after three years of climate action

Final gathering in April will mark end of street protests although campaign to continue 'in courts and prisons'

Damien Gayle *Environment correspondent*

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 Just Stop Oil protesters during a slow march blocking the Old Kent Road in south London in December 2022. Photograph: Just Stop Oil/PA

Supporters of the climate group [Just Stop Oil](#) have announced that, after three years of disruptive protests, they are ending their campaign of civil resistance.





Signal

A photograph of Mike Waltz, a man with short brown hair, wearing a dark suit, light blue shirt, and a purple patterned tie. He is seated and gesturing with both hands while speaking. The background is a dark blue wall with the word "CONCORDIA" and a circular logo repeated. A yellow arrow points from this image to the one on the right.

Mike Waltz, US
National Security
Advisor

A photograph of Jeffrey Goldberg, a man with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a dark pinstripe suit, light blue shirt, and a yellow patterned tie. He is seated and looking down at an open book in his lap. The background is a dimly lit room with a lamp and framed pictures on the wall.

Jeffrey
Goldberg,
journalist for
The Atlantic

White House inadvertently texted top-secret Yemen war plans to journalist

In extraordinary blunder top Trump cabinet members added Atlantic editor to chat discussing strikes on Houthis


- Outrage after White House accidentally texts journalist war plans: 'Huge screw-up'

Peter Beaumont

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 A man sits on the rubble of a building destroyed by the United States aerial attacks on 20 March, in Sana'a, Yemen. Photograph: Mohammed Hamoud/Getty Images

Law firms refuse to represent Trump opponents in the wake of his attacks

The president issued a new order Tuesday sanctioning yet another law firm, Jenner & Block. The result overall has been called an extraordinary threat to the constitutional rights of due process and legal representation, as well as a far weaker effort to challenge Trump's actions in court than during his first term.

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Internal White House document details layoff plans across U.S. agencies

While officials stressed that the estimates were subject to change, the snapshot suggests how agencies are working to meet Trump's mandate to shrink government.

Updated yesterday at 7:34 p.m. EDT



President Donald Trump departs after a Women's History Month event at the White House on Wednesday. The administration is working on plans to shrink the federal government. (Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post)

Major cuts are set to hit HHS. Here's what's affected.

Several of the most recognizable agencies within the department, including the FDA and the CDC, will see their headcount shrink by the thousands.

Yesterday at 9:14 p.m. EDT



Trump issues executive order to eliminate ‘anti-American ideology’ from Smithsonian

The executive order also calls for the replacement of memorials and monuments removed since 2020.

Updated yesterday at 11:17 p.m. EDT



The Smithsonian Castle in Washington, D.C., in July of 2023. (Salwan Georges/The Washington Post)

Trump tariffs

Dominic Rushe and Callum Jones in New York, and Justin McCurry in Tokyo

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The announcement drew swift condemnation from the [European Union](#) and from the Canadian prime minister, Mark Carney, who called it a “direct attack” on Canadian workers. “We will defend our workers, we will defend our companies, we will defend our country, and we will defend it together,” Carney said.

The European Commission president, Ursula von der Leyen, described the move as “bad for businesses, worse for consumers”.

Trump later threatened further tariffs if the EU worked with [Canada](#) “in order to do economic harm to the USA”.

Donald Trump announces new 25% tariffs on cars from overseas

Canada’s prime minister, Mark Carney, describes the levies as a ‘direct attack’ and vows to defend Canadian workers and companies



◀ Donald Trump announces new 25% tariffs on cars from overseas - video

[Donald Trump](#) announced plans to impose sweeping 25% [tariffs](#) on cars from overseas on Wednesday, days before the US president is expected to announce wide-ranging levies on other goods from around the world.

Trump news at a glance: Vance stakes US claim for Greenland as island's new coalition insists it 'belongs to us'

Vice-president and US delegation visit amid growing tension and Trump targets Smithsonian Institution - key US politics stories from 28 March 2025

Guardian staff

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JD Vance (C) at the Pituffik space base in Greenland. As he visited, Donald Trump reiterated his claim that the US should own Greenland to help "world peace". Photograph: Jim Watson/AP

Protests hit Tesla dealerships across the world in challenge to Elon Musk

From Australia to Europe and the US, demonstrators rallied against carmaker's dismantling of US federal government

Dara Kerr and Edward Helmore

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Global protests against Tesla CEO Elon Musk - video

Thousands of people worldwide on Saturday protested [Elon Musk](#) and his efforts with Donald Trump to dismantle the US federal government, with rallies held in front of nearly every Tesla showroom in the US and many around the world - a concerted effort to go after the billionaire's deep pockets as the CEO of the electric vehicle maker.

Protest organizers asked people to do three things: don't buy a Tesla, sell off Tesla stock and join the ["Tesla Takedown" movement](#).

Alarm as Florida Republicans move to fill deported workers' jobs with children: 'It's insane, right?'

Governor Ron DeSantis leads push to loosen child labor laws as immigration crackdown leads to workforce shortage

Richard Luscombe *in Miami*

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 Ron DeSantis and Florida high school students in 2024. Photograph: Getty Images

Supreme Court allows Biden-era regulations for hard-to-trace ghost guns

Law enforcement has raised alarm about the weapons, which have been used in a growing number of crimes.

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Ghost guns seized by D.C. police on display in Washington in 2020. The guns come in kits and can be easily assembled without the need for sophisticated machinery. (Astrid Riecker/For The Washington Post)