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**Slide 2: Trump moved Mike Waltz from national security adviser to UN ambassador role**

[Donald Trump](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/donaldtrump)’s national security adviser, Mike Waltz, and his deputy, Alex Wong, will be leaving their posts after they lost the confidence of other administration officials and found themselves without allies at the White House, according to two people familiar with the matter.

The exit of Waltz and Wong marked the conclusion of a fraught tenure. In March, Waltz [inadvertently added Jeffrey Goldberg](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/24/journalist-trump-yemen-war-chat), editor-in-chief of the Atlantic, to a [Signal group chat](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/signal-group-chat-leak) that shared sensitive information about US missile strikes in Yemen before they took place.

Trump announced in a Truth Social post later on Thursday that he would name his secretary of state, Marco Rubio, to also take on the job of the national security adviser on an interim basis, and that he would nominate Waltz to be the US ambassador to the United Nations.

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/01/trump-mike-waltz-national-security?utm_term=6814608d660742e2e35490885ad556be&utm_campaign=FirstEdition&utm_source=esp&utm_medium=Email&CMP=firstedition_email>

**Slide 3**: **Pete Hegseth shared Yemen attack details in second Signal chat**. Before the US launched military strikes on [Yemen](https://www.theguardian.com/world/yemen) in March, [Pete Hegseth](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/pete-hegseth), the defence secretary, sent detailed information about the planned attacks to a private Signal group chat that he created himself, which included his wife, his brother and about a dozen other people, [the New York Times reported](https://www.nytimes.com/2025/04/20/us/politics/hegseth-yemen-attack-second-signal-chat.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share&referringSource=articleShare) on Sunday.

According to unnamed sources familiar with the chat who spoke to the Times, Hegseth sent the private group of his personal associates some of the same information, including the flight schedules for the F/A-18 Hornets that would strike Houthi rebel targets in Yemen, that he also shared with another Signal group of top officials that was created by Mike Waltz, the national security adviser.

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/20/pete-hegseth-signal-chat-yemen-attack?utm_term=6805ddb561878c5b35d206b8ebdfa3b3&utm_campaign=FirstEdition&utm_source=esp&utm_medium=Email&CMP=firstedition_email>

+ **slide 4**: and because looking good on camera is super important, Hegseth ordered a makeup studio to be installed at the Pentagon: **watch**:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8IvSyxXSCWg&ab_channel=CBSNews>

**Slides 5: but of course, communication is the one thing Trump excels at:**

* following his claim that he would be great in this role and that he would be his number 1 choice, AI-generated picture of him as Pope (first published on social networks, then on the White House website)
* for Star Wars Day (May 4th), picture of him with a light sabre, also posted by the White House (note how he uses a red sabre, associated with the dark side of the Force: quite appropriate, isn’t it?)

**Slide 6**: **some backlash for the Trump administration: protests keep getting organized across the country.** From Wyoming to Washington and Mississippi to Manhattan, protesters at hundreds of rallies in small towns and big cities gathered Saturday to denounce President Donald Trump’s sweeping policy moves, the second day of mass action this month as opposition to the administration continued to coalesce.

The more than 700 planned events were part of the [“50501” movement](https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2025/04/18/50501-protests-anti-trump-movement-hands-off/), a decentralized campaign that began on Reddit and got its name from a Feb. 5 push for “50 protests in 50 states on 1 day.” That effort led to anti-Trump protests at state capitol buildings across the nation. Hunter Dunn, a spokesperson for 50501, described the group as a “pro-democracy, pro-Constitution, anti-executive-overreach, nonviolent grassroots movement.”

Saturday’s demonstrations **—** on the 250th anniversary of the start of the American Revolutionary War — came two weeks after the [April 5 “Hands Off”](https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2025/04/05/hands-off-protest-trump-washington/?itid=lk_inline_manual_2) rallies, which drew millions across the country in the largest single-day protest of Trump’s second term. Organizers have sought to capitalize on the momentum of those mass gatherings and train attendees’ focus on local efforts to resist the administration’s policies.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2025/04/19/anti-trump-protests-50501-movement-hands-off/?utm_campaign=wp_the7&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&carta-url=https%3A%2F%2Fs2.washingtonpost.com%2Fcar-ln-tr%2F423250f%2F680622dd8670807363cfc3fc%2F6303c41fca31ee7e6627cb27%2F36%2F103%2F680622dd8670807363cfc3fc>

+ **slide 7**: **some** **workers are quitting at companies that are cooperating with Trump’s demands.**

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2025/04/19/trump-law-firms-colleges-pressure/?utm_campaign=wp_the7&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&carta-url=https%3A%2F%2Fs2.washingtonpost.com%2Fcar-ln-tr%2F4232510%2F680622dd8670807363cfc3fc%2F6303c41fca31ee7e6627cb27%2F37%2F103%2F680622dd8670807363cfc3fc>

**+ Slide 8:** The US’s [economy has shrunk](https://ablink.editorial.theguardian.com/ss/c/u001.Yw_JkLMEmFuifc_XG18IRyTNtZQ7fIEMgszcCSneHECxrXKFuESr_c5bQyN1mmmQl1HRZBSzPUkwwD7ZZsVrpVanvyaDuOgFv0L0hzYsQtffZAtvUhZaPg2RPaDCZ2ZjHQy_-pjXb5h0lvUWPpEFmLBbFmdQXdw0U0iXQuOqDIKi-a5Uoz0Uc-Drk7grMuTbLIhLWXvUCCgxspvWRvdpocvz8KVvfLXOG0FWxBgoAU2dzN8k8eVsToMGjLbx5FMYLpW82vlAdAig3xNk6twAMw/4g4/kxv-ImILTqSKUFnNmXhcEw/h32/h001.ZQmVuf83ZiYBQw6hCja-oGBUHZeaaFHJ8NLbawgZSWU) in the first three months of Donald Trump’s second term, triggering fears of an American recession and a global economic slowdown. Gross domestic product (GDP) contracted by 0.3% in the first quarter of the year, and comes alongside a huge fall in consumer sentiment, which dropped 32% in April.

[Donald Trump](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/donaldtrump), who returned to the White House promising to “make America great again”, sought to blame Joe Biden for the figure.

However, economists said it was largely driven by an unprecedented surge in imports, as consumers and companies braced for the president to impose his controversial wave of [tariffs](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/trump-tariffs)*.*

“This is Biden’s Stock Market, not Trump’s,” Trump wrote on social media, adding that the contraction “has NOTHING TO DO WITH TARIFFS, only that he left us with bad numbers, but when the boom begins, it will be like no other. BE PATIENT!!!”

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/apr/30/economy-gdp-q1-trump-tariffs>

**Slide 9: US budget cuts** - [Donald Trump](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/donaldtrump) is proposing huge cuts to social programmes like health and education while planning substantial spending increases on defense and the Department of Homeland Security, in a White House budget blueprint that starkly illustrates his preoccupation with projecting military strength and deterring migration.

Cuts of $163bn on discretionary non-defense spending would also see financial outlays slashed for environmental and renewable energy schemes, as well as for the FBI, an agency Trump has claimed was weaponised against him during Joe Biden’s presidency. Spending reductions are also being projected for the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

In contrast to the squeeze on discretionary social programmes, the administration is planning a 13% rise – to more than $1tn – in the Pentagon budget, a commitment at odds with Trump’s frequent vows to end the US’s involvement in “forever wars” in the Middle East and elsewhere.

The figures for the White House’s so-called “skinny budget” for 2026 represent a 22.6% cut in spending from that projected in the current fiscal year, which ends on 30 September.

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/03/trump-budget-cuts-health-education-military?utm_term=6815c01d29ca22e7166fbf9d8579bade&utm_campaign=SaturdayEdition&utm_source=esp&utm_medium=Email&CMP=saturdayedition_email>

**Slide 10**: **Harvard** - Harvard University [has filed a lawsuit against the Trump administration](https://ablink.editorial.theguardian.com/ss/c/u001.Yw_JkLMEmFuifc_XG18IRyTNtZQ7fIEMgszcCSneHEApzqrM9wtucTAfKCotOcFrIarCrZNiEH27It66D8y3yZbnwZV9kQb5IPn43IW1hit0SzVSzWMCCcVEB8CtzhS8XU_T_QKkjbcg99IBM4ptoPtZaAGw0e1Ms1TAzW8KPWYAJf6RViXjCg5xp9Lqcq0hoc5w81SFsU7pjBxBmx47A3Gc-V9-0njs8cl1O5FiTjLeNkkcsRyrUAGg_hJ65IaisFNnVpuaGTTTr_-yQPgO9_9L-A2j0XqKcwdZ1BN4lQk/4fv/Fqte4WmURw6SIrmcXt53iA/h34/h001.pU0MS2rzRJn9JIsKR5_MMUwLxPb6s2fV045EAmIR5VY), alleging it is trying to “gain control of academic decision-making at Harvard”. The move comes in response to a freeze on billions in federal funding over the university’s refusal to accept demands including an attempt to enforce “viewpoint diversity” in teaching.

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2025/apr/21/harvard-sues-trump-administration?utm_term=68072cdd90c09d7936b46fc34ea9b0ae&utm_campaign=FirstEdition&utm_source=esp&utm_medium=Email&CMP=firstedition_email>

**Slide 11**: **DOGE** - Billionaire Elon Musk said he will step back from the U.S. DOGE Service next month and focus on Tesla, his reeling electric vehicle company, which on Tuesday reported a stunning 71 percent plunge in profits compared with the first quarter of 2024.

With Tesla suffering amid widespread backlash against Musk’s controversial work with the Trump administration, Musk told investors that his “time allocation to DOGE will drop significantly” starting next month — though he said he probably will maintain involvement with DOGE through the remainder of President Donald Trump’s term.

On Tuesday, the electric vehicle company reported a 9 percentdecline in revenue for the first three months of the year compared with a year earlier, according to a company report. Sales also slipped dramatically in the first three months of the year, falling 13 percent compared with the same period last year. The company’s stock closed Tuesday at $238 a share, about 37 percent lower than at the beginning of the year.

Tesla already was struggling before Musk enmeshed himself in GOP politics last year and became a political lightning rod. But a combination of increased competition from Chinese electric carmakers such as BYD, uncertainty around steep tariffs imposed by Trump this month and Musk’s own declining popularity has pushed the company into turmoil.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2025/04/22/tesla-earnings-elon-musk-politics-stock/?utm_campaign=wp_the7&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&carta-url=https%3A%2F%2Fs2.washingtonpost.com%2Fcar-ln-tr%2F4239f1a%2F6808c5df97fc0f25851b33e0%2F6303c41fca31ee7e6627cb27%2F24%2F103%2F6808c5df97fc0f25851b33e0>

**Slide 12: immigration – US supreme court orders temporary halt to deportations of Venezuelan men**. The US supreme court has ordered the [Trump administration](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/donaldtrump) to temporarily halt the deportation of Venezuelan men in immigration custody, after their lawyers said they were at imminent risk of removal without the judicial review previously mandated by the justices.

“The government is directed not to remove any member of the putative class of detainees from the United States until further order of this court,” the justices said early on Saturday.

Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito, two of the court’s leading conservatives, dissented.

The order is the latest example of how the country’s courts are challenging the Trump administration’s overhaul of the immigration system, which has been characterized by a number of deportations that have either been wrongful or carried out without due process.

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/18/supreme-court-aclu-venezuela?utm_term=68034b1fc5911b3c4c3ec9bb3e9020b6&utm_campaign=SaturdayEdition&utm_source=esp&utm_medium=Email&CMP=saturdayedition_email>

**Slide 13: immigration 2 - Trump’s use of an 18th century law for deportations is illegal, a judge ruled.**

A Trump-appointed federal judge ruled Thursday that the president exceeded his authority by invoking the Alien Enemies Act to summarily deport Venezuelan migrants, dealing a blow to the administration’s deportation efforts and permanently barring such removals in South Texas.

In a 36-page ruling, U.S. District Judge Fernando Rodriguez Jr. in Brownsville, Texas, rejected President Donald Trump’s declarations that the United States was being invaded by a Venezuelan gang to justify using a centuries-old act to deport migrants without a hearing. He said the president’s action “exceeds the scope of the statute.”

Trump signed a proclamation invoking the act in March to summarily deport more than 130 immigrants to a megaprison in El Salvador, many from South Texas, and his officials have vowed to send more. But Rodriguez said the proclamation lacked evidence of an invasion and was therefore unlawful.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/2025/05/01/trump-texas-alien-enemies-act-block/?utm_campaign=wp_the7&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&carta-url=https%3A%2F%2Fs2.washingtonpost.com%2Fcar-ln-tr%2F425c9d6%2F6814a2339a2348088cfea5ce%2F6303c41fca31ee7e6627cb27%2F33%2F103%2F6814a2339a2348088cfea5ce>

**Slide 14: immigration** **3** – the FBI arrested a Wisconsin judge and accused her of obstructing immigration officials. It said she helped a man evade US [immigration](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/usimmigration) authorities as they were seeking to arrest him at her courthouse.

Kash Patel, the Trump-appointed FBI director, [wrote](https://x.com/FBIDirectorKash/status/1915800907318468626) on X: “We believe Judge Dugan intentionally misdirected federal agents away from the subject to be arrested in her courthouse, Eduardo Flores Ruiz, allowing the subject – an illegal alien – to evade arrest.”

Trump weighed in on his Truth Social platform by [sharing an image](https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/114400094345520948) of the judge found on the judge’s Facebook page by the rightwing blogger Libs of TikTok, which showed Dugan on the bench wearing a KN95 face mask and displaying the Ukrainian national symbol of a trident.

The Milwaukee city council [released a statement](https://city.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/ccCouncil/News/2025/District-12/Joint-Statement-on-the-arrest-of-Judge-Hannah-Dugan.pdf) following the arrest: “This morning’s news that Judge Hannah Dugan was arrested by federal authorities is shocking and upsetting. Judge Dugan should be afforded the same respect and due process that she has diligently provided others throughout her career.

“Perhaps the most chilling part of Judge Dugan’s arrest is the continued aggression by which the current administration in Washington, DC has weaponized federal law enforcement, such as ICE, against immigrant communities,” the statement reads. “As local elected officials, we are working daily to support our constituents who grow increasingly concerned and worried with each passing incident.”

The leftwing senator Bernie Sanders said the move was about “unchecked power”.

“Let’s be clear. Trump’s arrest of Judge Dugan in Milwaukee has nothing to do with immigration. It has everything to do with [Trump] moving this country towards authoritarianism,” he said in a statement.

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/25/judge-hannah-dugan-milwaukee-arrest?utm_term=680c85a3b0ec60a3ca11930dc6a89fe3&utm_campaign=SaturdayEdition&utm_source=esp&utm_medium=Email&CMP=saturdayedition_email>

**Slide 15**: **immigration 4 - Trump officials denied U.S. citizen children were “deported” to Honduras.**

On Friday, April 25th, authorities flew three U.S. citizen children from two families to Honduras. One child is [a 4-year-old with Stage 4 cancer](https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/2025/04/26/us-citizen-children-deported-ice/?utm_campaign=wp_the7&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&carta-url=https%3A%2F%2Fs2.washingtonpost.com%2Fcar-ln-tr%2F424c2e7%2F680f5d61ae329363f3dfe13a%2F6303c41fca31ee7e6627cb27%2F26%2F96%2F680f5d61ae329363f3dfe13a). Tom Homan, President Donald Trump’s border czar, insisted Sunday that the Trump administration did not “deport” American children to Honduras — arguing that the White House sent the children to the country because their mothers, who were being deported, wished to bring them.

The children’ssituations have intensified concerns that the Trump administration is carrying out deportations in a way that violates the legal rights of both citizens and noncitizens.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/2025/04/27/trump-deportation-citizens-children/?utm_campaign=wp_the7&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&carta-url=https%3A%2F%2Fs2.washingtonpost.com%2Fcar-ln-tr%2F424c2e8%2F680f5d61ae329363f3dfe13a%2F6303c41fca31ee7e6627cb27%2F29%2F96%2F680f5d61ae329363f3dfe13a>

**Slide 16: immigration 5 - Trump clashes with ABC interviewer over edited Ábrego García photo**

In a pre-recorded interview that went out last night on ABC News to mark his 100th day in office, Donald Trump clashed with reporter Terry Moran over his tariff policies, deportations and the power of the presidency.

In an intense, fiery exchange over the knuckle tattoos of Kilmar Ábrego García – the man the US government deported to El Salvador by mistake - Trump got into a surreal back-and-forth with Moran over whether Ábrego García has the gang name “MS-13” tattooed on his knuckles, apparently confusing a [photoshopped image](https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/114361211919694573) he once posted on social media with [Ábrego García](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/16/who-is-kilmar-abrego-garcia)’s real hands.

It started with Moran pressing Trump on whether he acknowledges that under American law, every person is afforded due process. But Trump claimed that when people come to the country illegally “there’s a different standard”.

“But they get due process,” Moran said.

“Well, they get a process where we have to get ‘em out, yeah,” Trump said. “They get whatever my lawyers say.”

The Trump administration has indicated in court documents that Ábrego García was sent to El Salvador [in an “administrative error”](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/01/ice-error-deported-maryland-man-el-salvador) but White House officials have since disputed that and the lawyer who wrote that court document has been [put on leave](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/06/justice-department-prosecutor-leave-trump-administration-deportation). Trump said in the interview that that lawyer “should not have said that”.

He then grew agitated when Moran suggested that the image had been photoshopped.

*“That was photoshop? Terry, you can’t do that. They’re giving you the big break of a lifetime. You know, you’re doing the interview. I picked you because – frankly I never heard of you but that’s ok. But I picked you, Terry, but you’re not being very nice.”*

**Slide 17**: **in still another attempt to force Zelynsky into a quick peace, the Trump administration urged Ukraine to give up territory (Crimea + some of the front line) to end the war.**

The U.S. proposals, presented to Ukraine in Paris last week, include having Washington formally recognize annexed Crimea as Russian territory and eventually lifting sanctions against Russia under a future accord, according to three people familiar with the matter. In exchange, Moscow would end hostilities in Ukraine at a time when Russia’s military enjoys battlefield momentum and sizable advantages in troop strength and weaponry.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky [told reporters Tuesday](https://kyivindependent.com/zelensky-rules-out-recognizing-crimea-as-russian-warns-against-legitimizing-putins-game/) that Ukraine would not recognize Crimea as Russian, noting that it would violate the country’s constitution to do so. Discussing Crimea and other Ukrainian territory helps Russia, he said, by allowing Moscow to continue the war, because “it will not be possible to agree on everything quickly.”

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2025/04/22/ukraine-russia-rubio-london-crimea-peace-deal/?utm_campaign=wp_the7&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&carta-url=https%3A%2F%2Fs2.washingtonpost.com%2Fcar-ln-tr%2F423d5e1%2F680a175e6ef25d630e182b93%2F6303c41fca31ee7e6627cb27%2F35%2F100%2F680a175e6ef25d630e182b93>

**but fortunately, D. Trump knows how to be tough when Vladimir Putin goes too far (slide 18)**: after an drone attack on Kyiv which killed 12 people, the American president wrote a very brave post on Truth Social: “I am not happy with the Russian strikes on KYIV. Not necessary, and very bad timing. Vladimir, STOP! 5,000 soldiers a week are dying. Let’s get the Peace Deal DONE!” (see how the capital letters show that he is not afraid?)

**Slide 19**: **meanwhile, North Korea confirmed that it had send troops to fight with Russia on the Ukrainian frontline.**

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2025/04/27/north-korean-troops-fight-russia/?utm_campaign=wp_the7&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&carta-url=https%3A%2F%2Fs2.washingtonpost.com%2Fcar-ln-tr%2F424c2f3%2F680f5d61ae329363f3dfe13a%2F6303c41fca31ee7e6627cb27%2F51%2F96%2F680f5d61ae329363f3dfe13a>

**Slide 20**: The US and Kyiv have [signed an agreement](https://ablink.editorial.theguardian.com/ss/c/u001.Yw_JkLMEmFuifc_XG18IRyTNtZQ7fIEMgszcCSneHEAkCD247PEzzJghnkN7Siw6uWvQmjbDX_V4JXjt7jUOS_kXoFDYC53DghoQGCrOwWnIIxnrGYvUGb4zf4Yk0ceqIHlIEu1y1zTpmtld-OjZQGbHfMFrptdyHNP-SJOFmw2jpOahAk7le9O_Qv68jcp4QGkidDQmfAuboJUI3BwO6WZ88rlML_i9X58lXwCSVqnjAVYSIJNz7otgpeNpeP9qz110M_Lwt6yf4rqTTaF4oL-Fqvjv0kSqeU-_m1eyQzY/4g4/kxv-ImILTqSKUFnNmXhcEw/h34/h001.tDFQkKOeUEZWCXPK9E8tuYX3FwSOMbYFi3BCBMT-YDY) to share revenues from the future sale of Ukrainian minerals and rare earths, sealing a deal that Donald Trump has said will provide an economic incentive for the US to continue to invest in Ukraine’s defence and its reconstruction after he brokers a peace deal with Russia.

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/30/us-ukraine-minerals-deal-russia?utm_term=68130cb7a087b51334345b2155679a4f&utm_campaign=FirstEdition&utm_source=esp&utm_medium=Email&CMP=firstedition_email>

**Slides 21: Donald Trump celebrated the first hundred days of his second presidency: here are charts to get an idea of what happened (spoiler: no peace in Ukraine despite his claim that he would solve the conflict in 24 hours…)**

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/ng-interactive/2025/apr/30/trumps-first-100-days-charts>

* **Amazon: despite Jeff Bezos’s multiple efforts to be in Trump’s good graces, the White House is not happy with him, as it accused Amazon** [**of committing**](https://ablink.editorial.theguardian.com/ss/c/u001.Yw_JkLMEmFuifc_XG18IRyTNtZQ7fIEMgszcCSneHEA13-uHzzNLsl3ZqJFCJlFeZJsoIPt9ECNhhHRGVOMFM_j7xQOLvbWacRQQXMSRUUoFktQGW6FrPWTHY7R-gp1pjTXWx6zWbUlYrdi4AHThgLl9Vv-0hmUEqpZK44fEIfU6-vmaZLKy6iMUqkbGfFU1p92rHgRQ60ZVdtdEJ3ATgrc6SqX_r1DU-JUkvtP6gwyVPTU0LOqi8sNoomncaMyerm36O63ro0ShXIMaMzTxVg/4g3/YSHgqooQScuwjuvdfYTgFw/h33/h001.T6nJI0zWvas10KPk9YaPSHsW5_c9NvFo9yCrAs_37TU) **a “hostile and political act” after a report said the e-commerce company was planning to inform customers how much Trump’s tariffs would cost them as they shopped. (slide 22)**

Donald Trump then called Bezos to complain about it and ended up praising him after Amazon denied it was [planning to display the cost of tariffs](https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2025/04/29/amazon-trump-tariffs-leavitt/?utm_campaign=wp_the7&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&carta-url=https%3A%2F%2Fs2.washingtonpost.com%2Fcar-ln-tr%2F4253917%2F6812005dd4b6e62916014970%2F6303c41fca31ee7e6627cb27%2F43%2F105%2F6812005dd4b6e62916014970)…

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/apr/29/amazon-trump-tariff-costs?utm_term=6811bc634ff61c5c7eb54626fe855db9&utm_campaign=FirstEdition&utm_source=esp&utm_medium=Email&CMP=firstedition_email>

* **Health**

**Slide: fake medical news (slide 23)** - Americans are unsure what to believe about the measles vaccine, a poll showed. More than half of surveyed adults expressed [uncertainty about whether to believe false statements](https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2025/04/23/measles-vaccine-misinformation-poll/?utm_campaign=wp_the7&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&carta-url=https%3A%2F%2Fs2.washingtonpost.com%2Fcar-ln-tr%2F4239f25%2F6808c5df97fc0f25851b33e0%2F6303c41fca31ee7e6627cb27%2F45%2F103%2F6808c5df97fc0f25851b33e0) about the vaccine. It comes amid a measles outbreak (900 cases across 24 states, mainly in Texas). Health SecretaryRobert F Kennedy Jr. has claimed there is a link between vaccines and autism, [but there is no evidence](https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2025/01/28/rfk-jr-disparaged-vaccines-dozens-times-recent-years-misled-race/?utm_campaign=wp_the7&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&carta-url=https%3A%2F%2Fs2.washingtonpost.com%2Fcar-ln-tr%2F40bd25c%2F6808c5df97fc0f25851b33e0%2F6303c41fca31ee7e6627cb27%2F47%2F103%2F6808c5df97fc0f25851b33e0).

+ whooping cough (*la coqueluche*) cases are [soaring across the nation](https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2025/04/22/whooping-cough-pertussis-cases-rise/?utm_campaign=wp_the7&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&carta-url=https%3A%2F%2Fs2.washingtonpost.com%2Fcar-ln-tr%2F4239f28%2F6808c5df97fc0f25851b33e0%2F6303c41fca31ee7e6627cb27%2F49%2F103%2F6808c5df97fc0f25851b33e0).

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2025/04/23/measles-vaccine-misinformation-poll/?utm_campaign=wp_the7&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&carta-url=https%3A%2F%2Fs2.washingtonpost.com%2Fcar-ln-tr%2F4239f25%2F6808c5df97fc0f25851b33e0%2F6303c41fca31ee7e6627cb27%2F45%2F103%2F6808c5df97fc0f25851b33e0>

* **India**

**Slide 24**: Troops from [Pakistan](https://www.theguardian.com/world/pakistan) and India exchanged fire overnight across the line of control in disputed Kashmir, officials have said, after the UN urged the nuclear-armed rivals to show “maximum restraint” after Tuesday’s massacre of Indian tourists by Islamic militants.

Relations have plunged to their lowest level in years, with India accusing Pakistan of supporting “cross-border terrorism” after gunmen carried out the worst attack on civilians in contested Muslim-majority [Kashmir](https://www.theguardian.com/world/kashmir) for a quarter of a century.

The brief exchange of small-arms fire came as police in Kashmir said they had identified three suspected attackers affiliated with the militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba they say were involved in Tuesday’s massacre of Indian tourists and released their sketches, announcing a bounty of 2m rupees (about £17,500) on the three.

A manhunt is under way in the densely forested mountains surrounding the attack site in southern Kashmir.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/apr/25/kashmir-attack-pahalgam-india-pakistan-army-chief-visit-srinagar?utm_term=680b24ee5240392143bb20ea836b846c&utm_campaign=FirstEdition&utm_source=esp&utm_medium=Email&CMP=firstedition_email>

* **Canada**

**Slide 25: Canadian general election**: although the election seemed to be in the bag for Pierre Poilièvre’s Conservative Party just six months ago (with 10-year liberal PM Justin Trudeau reaching historic levels of unpopularity, which led him to step down in January), Donald Trump’s multiple attacks against the country (through tariffs, but also repeated claims that he wants to make Canada the 51st state of the USA) ignited a patriotic surge which benefited Trudeau’s replacement, Mark Carney (a former president of the Canadian central bank during the 2008 subprimes crisis, then of the UK’s central bank during Brexit, and a political novice), who ran on a platform of resistance against a bullying neighbour.

The Liberal Party nevertheless fell short of a majority government (169 seats against 144 for the Conservatives, 172 needed to get a majority), and will need the support of smaller parties to govern.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/apr/29/canada-election-result-liberal-win-mark-carney-anti-trump?utm_term=68106c0efe68025ee6ad52d0d551e7b5&utm_campaign=FirstEdition&utm_source=esp&utm_medium=Email&CMP=firstedition_email>

+ not only did the Conservative Party squander (*dilapider*) a 25-point lead, the Conservative leader, Pierre Poilièvre, even lost the seat that he had held since 2004 in the Canadian Parliament!