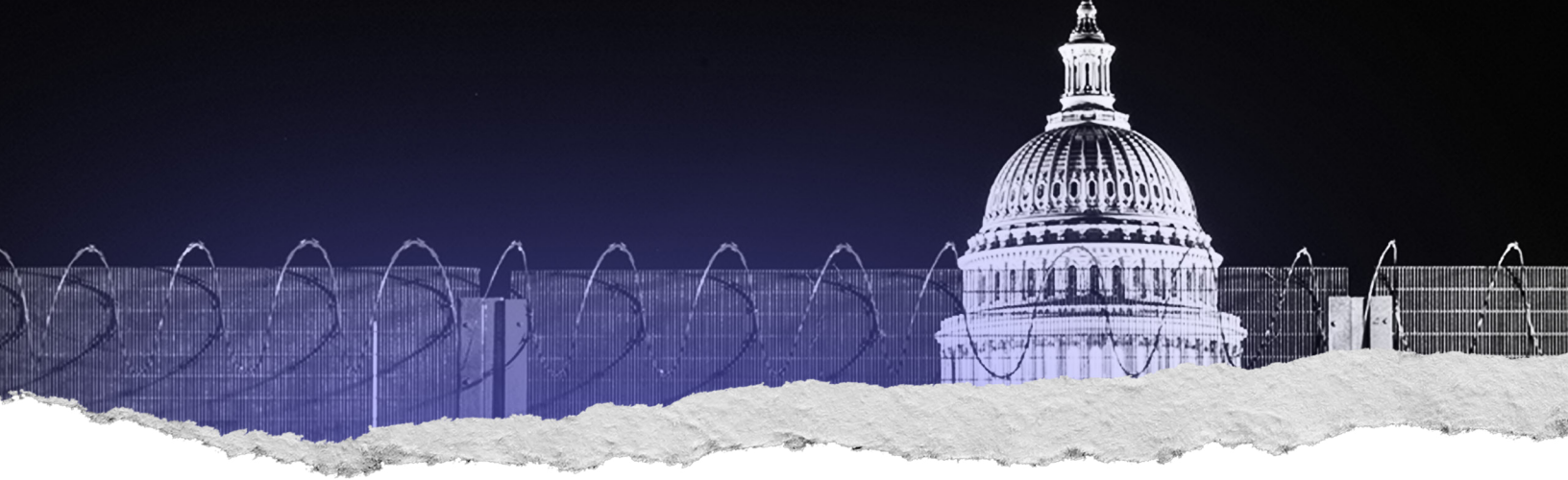


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At the end of President Donald Trump's first term, with his mob of supporters having failed to block certification of his lost election after hours of ruthless attacks on Capitol Police, Trump turned toward a last-ditch effort to utilize the Justice Department that was ultimately thwarted by senior DOJ officials threatening to resign en masse.

Allowing the integrity of Justice Department and other law enforcement officials to stand in his way was a mistake he was determined not to repeat.

In Trump's second term, he has gone to extreme lengths to appoint top officials with no compunction about abusing their power to pervert justice to punish political enemies and favor political friends, and those appointees have acted quickly to eliminate the independence of entire agencies, as well as sweeping layoffs of nonpartisan career staff. What is left now is federal enforcement where the concept of integrity and independence is no longer even applicable, by design.

From seeking to get late night comedy shows cancelled, to ordering the prosecution of a former FBI Director despite Trump's own prosecutors believing the charges lacked sufficient evidence, federal enforcement has turned from upholding the law to making it part of Trump's political apparatus. The unit dedicated to investigating corrupt politicians has been eviscerated, and enforcement against the President's [corporate allies](#) has also plunged, indeed the Trump administration has already halted or moved to dismiss enforcement investigations and cases against 89 corporations. Needless to say, law enforcement that serves the political interests of the President rather than the public eliminates a core tenet of democracy, namely that we are a country of laws, not of men.

This report details how Trump appointees have corrupted the 1) Justice Department and FBI, 2) Border enforcement and deportations, 3) Policing of the airwaves, and 4) Handling of Americans' personal records.

CORRUPTING THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

ATTORNEY GENERAL PAM BONDI: Whereas the Attorneys General of Trump's first term often blurred the lines of independence from politics, under Attorney General Bondi that line has ceased to exist altogether. She has been central to covering up Trump's reported appearance in the DOJ files around infamous sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein, while taking direct orders from Trump to prosecute former F.B.I. Director James Comey, installing a former Trump personal attorney to drive the indictment after the previous prosecutor reportedly thought there was insufficient evidence of any crime. At the same time, under her leadership, the Public Integrity Section of DOJ dedicated to fighting corruption from federal officials, has been reduced from a total of 36 employees to 2. She has also seen a department-wide purge of career officials who were assigned to Trump's criminal cases or who were suspected to be insufficiently loyal to Trump personally. Bondi's relationship goes back to her time as Florida's Attorney General, when her office dropped an investigation into Trump University shortly after his foundation donated \$25,000 to her PAC.

- President Trump Called Out AG Pam Bondi In A Social Media Post Saying “We Can’t Delay Any Longer” On Prosecuting His Perceived Enemies, Including Former FBI Director James Comey; Trump: “One Way Or The Other. They’re Guilty, They’re Not Guilty. We Have To Act Fast. If They’re Not Guilty, That’s Fine. If They Are Guilty, Or If They Should Be Judged, They Should Be Judged. And We Have To Do It Now.” [Politico, [9/20/25](#)]
- Former FBI Director James Comey Was Indicted “Days After [President Donald Trump](#) Publicly Said That U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi Should Prosecute Him And Two Other Political Adversaries.” [NBC News, [9/25/25](#)]
- Under Bondi’s Leadership, The Number Of Attorneys In DOJ’s Public Integrity Section, Which Investigates Corrupt Politicians, Went From 36 To 2. [NOTUS, [9/22/25](#)]
- Bondi Has Fired 200 Career Employees, “Broken With Its Longstanding Practice Of Not Commenting On Investigations,” And “Breaking Long-Standing Norms” In Carrying Out Trump’s Pursuit Of Revenge. [Reuters, [9/16/25](#)]
- Reuters: “On Her First Day, Bondi, Issued A Memo Telling Department Attorneys, Who Swear An Oath To Uphold The U.S. Constitution, That They Serve As Trump’s Lawyers, And They Can Be Fired For Refusing To Appear In Court Or Sign Briefs.” [Reuters, [9/16/25](#)]
- After Saying Months Earlier That The Epstein Client List Was “Sitting On My Desk Right Now To Review,” Bondi’s DOJ Released A Memo Saying “This Systematic Review Revealed No Incriminating ‘Client List.’ There Was Also No Credible Evidence Found That Epstein Blackmailed Prominent Individuals As Part Of His Actions.” [NPR, [7/7/25](#)]

- Bondi's Denials Come Despite The Fact That In May 2025, Bondi Reportedly Briefed Trump That His Name Was In The Epstein Case Files. [CNN, [7/23/25](#)]
- Bondi's Former Lobbying Firm Ballard Registered To Lobby The DOJ On Behalf Of At Least 10 Clients In 2025, "All But One Signed With The Firm Since Trump's Election And His Nomination Of Bondi For Attorney General." [Politico, [9/21/25](#)]
- The Increased Lobbying Raised Questions About Whether Bondi Communicated With Lobbyists From Ballard While At DOJ, Which Would Likely Be A Violation Of The Ethics Pledge She Signed. [Public Citizen, [7/24/25](#)]
- Trump and Bondi's relationship stretches back years. As Florida AG, Bondi's Campaign Accepted An Improper \$25,000 Contribution From The Trump Foundation Before Her Office Chose Not To Pursue A Fraud Investigation Into Trump University. [New York Times, [11/22/24](#)]

FBI DIRECTOR KASH PATEL: Taking office with little to no relevant experience, Patel was perhaps most famous for his outspoken advocacy for the January 6th insurrectionists imprisoned for violent attacks on the Capitol Police, including the "J6 Choir." He also went through confirmation saddled with enormous conflicts, including major financial interests in companies associated with national security threats. Since being confirmed as FBI Director, Patel has executed a political purge of the senior ranks, and has regularly broken protocols to speak about ongoing investigations, especially those around Trump's perceived political opponents

- According To NPR, Three Senior FBI Agents Filed A Lawsuit Claiming "The Trump Administration Launched A 'Campaign Of Retribution' Against Senior Federal Bureau Of Investigation Officials Who Refused To Demonstrate Loyalty To President Trump, Firing Them Last Month For Improper Political Reasons Before They Could Collect Early Retirement Benefits." [NPR, [9/10/25](#)]
- Washington Field Office Head Steven Jensen Said That When He Met With Patel To Ask Him Not To Expose An Agent To Online Abuse By Naming Him While His Wife Was Dying Of Cancer, Patel Gave Him A Commemorative Coin And He And The Agent Were Fired Shortly After. [NPR, [9/10/25](#)]
- AP Headline: "Patel's Roster Of Foreign Clients Draws Scrutiny Over Conflicting Interests With The FBI"; Patel's Clients Included "The Clothing Company Shein, Was Established In China, A Country U.S. Authorities Have Described As A National Security Threat." [AP, [2/8/25](#)]

- Patel Consulted For The Embassy Of Qatar And A Czech Arms Company That Then-Senator JD Vance Had Accused Of “Ties To The Inner Circle Of Russian President Vladimir Putin.” [AP, [2/8/25](#)]
- In A 2023 Podcast Interview With Steve Bannon, Patel Said “We’re Going To Come After The People In The Media Who Lied About American Citizens, Who Helped Joe Biden Rig Presidential Elections...Whether It’s Criminally Or Civilly, We’ll Figure That Out.” [NBC News, [12/4/24](#)]
- In September 2025, Patel Was Asked By Senator Whitehouse Why 20 Of The 60 People On His “Enemies List” Had Faced Some Adverse Action. [CBS News, [9/16/25](#)]

DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL TODD BLANCHE: Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche, who was previously Trump’s personal attorney, took the sensitive and hopelessly conflicted assignment of interviewing Ghislaine Maxwell and moving her to more comfortable, low-security accommodations.

- As Trump’s Personal Attorney, Blanche Represented Trump In Cases Involving His Alleged Mishandling Of Classified Materials, Obstruction Of Biden’s 2020 Election Victory, And Falsifying Business Records Regarding A Hush Money Payment. [Washington Post, [11/28/24](#)]
- Blanche’s Appointment Raised Questions From Legal Experts About Potential Conflicts Of Interest and Needs for Broad Recusals. “Blanche – Trump’s Pick to Be the Deputy Attorney General – Faces an Uneasy Balancing Act, Particularly Given the President-Elect’s Stated Desire to Seek Retribution Against his Investigators and Political Foes.” [Washington Post, [11/28/24](#)]
- After “Highly Unusual” Meetings Between Ghislaine Maxwell And Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche, Maxwell Was Moved To A Minimum Security Facility. “A Majority of Its Inmates Are Serving Time for Nonviolent Offenses and White-Collar Crimes. The Move Comes a Week After Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche Met with Maxwell and Her Lawyer, David Oscar Markus, for Nine Hours Over Two Days.” [NBC News, [8/1/25](#); New York Times, [7/22/25](#)]
- Maxwell Was Moved Despite Bureau Of Prisons Policy That “Sex Offenders Must Be In At Least A Low-Level Security Prison Like FCI Tallahassee, Unless She Received A Waiver.” [NBC News, [8/1/25](#)]
- NBC: “Former Prosecutors Said It Was Highly Unusual – And Potentially Unprecedented – For A The Department’s No. 2 Official To Personally Interview A Witness.” [NBC News, [7/26/25](#)]

U.S. PARDON ATTORNEY ED MARTIN: U.S. Pardon Attorney Ed Martin, having been so blatantly unethical and political that he was rejected by the Senate for U.S. Attorney for D.C., has repeatedly threatened political prosecutions and instigated political investigations against federal grantees. With Trump's record of using pardons to reward donors and allies at a pace far beyond any previous president, including investors in his personal cryptocurrency enterprise, the Pardon Attorney position is a particularly dangerous position for somebody with Martin's record.

- Axios Reported That “In A Sea Of Trump Loyalists, These Three Officials — Bill Pulte, Ed Martin And Tulsi Gabbard — Stand Out For How Aggressively They’ve Shattered Norms In Pursuit Of The President’s Enemies.” [Axios, [8/21/25](#)]
- As Acting U.S. Attorney Martin “Demoted Prosecutors Who Had Worked On Jan. 6 Cases, Vowed To Pursue Legal Action Against Critics Of Elon Musk’s Doge Initiative, And Attempted To Launch An Investigation” Into Sen. Schumer. [Axios, [8/21/25](#)]
- As Weaponization Czar, Martin “Stunned Ethics Experts” By Showing Up Outside New York Attorney General Letitia James’ Home Which “Violated Justice Department Rules And Norms Barring Prosecutors From Commenting On Specific Cases.” [Axios, [8/21/25](#)]
- While In Missouri, Martin “Racked Up \$2 Million In Legal Fees And Settlement Payments At Taxpayers’ Expense In A Scandal That Exposed His Efforts To Push The Missouri Supreme Court To The Right.” [Washington Post, [5/8/25](#)]
- Martin Launched A “Politically Fraught Investigation” Into The EPA Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund That “Raised Alarms Among Current and Former Justice Department Officials,” “Failed To Find Meaningful Evidence Of Criminality.” [New York Times, [5/16/25](#)]

UNCONFIRMED U.S. ATTORNEYS: Interim U.S. Attorneys (and Former Personal Trump Lawyers) Lindsey Halligan and Alina Habba, Along with Acting U.S. Attorney John Sarcone, Have Stepped In to Push Forward on Political Investigations. As Politico reported, “Trump has just two Senate-confirmed U.S. attorneys in place. That hasn’t stopped him from leaning on unvetted and newly minted prosecutors to harness the power of the Justice Department against his political enemies.”

- At Trump’s Direction, Bondi Installed White House Aide Lindsey Halligan As Interim U.S. Attorney For The Eastern District Of Virginia After Erik Siebert Was Pushed Out “Amid A Push By Trump Administration Officials To Bring Charges” Against NY Attorney General Letitia James. [Fox News, [9/20/25](#); Politico, [9/22/25](#)]
 - Bondi Appointed Halligan “Two Days After The President Pressed Bondi To Appoint Her To The Post And Quickly Prosecute His Political Adversaries.” [Politico, [9/22/25](#)]

- Washington Post: “Less Than Four Days Into Her New Role,” Halligan “Brought Charges Against Former FBI Director James B. Comey, Despite The Objections Of Career Prosecutors That There Was Insufficient Evidence To Do So.” [Washington Post, [9/26/25](#)]
- Bondi Installed Former Trump Lawyer Alina Habba As New Jersey’s U.S. Attorney, Whose Office “Announced Investigations Into Its Democratic Governor And Attorney General Over Immigration,” Arrested Newark’s Mayor, And Brought Charges Against A Democratic Congresswoman. [Politico, [5/20/25](#)]
 - Habba’s Office Charged Democratic Congresswoman Rep. Lamonica McIver With Assault After She Attempted To Conduct An Oversight Visit Of An Immigration Detention Center, In What The AP Called “A Rare Federal Criminal Case Against A Sitting Member Of Congress Other Than For Corruption.” [AP, [8/21/25](#); Politico, [9/26/25](#)]
- Bondi’s DOJ Used A Procedural Move Maneuver To Install Trump “Loyalist” John Sarcone As Acting U.S. Attorney In Northern New York After His Interim Position Expired And Federal Judges “Declined To Name Him To The Post.” [Syracuse.com, [3/5/25](#); Politico, [9/26/25](#)]
 - Sarcone “A First-Time Prosecutor, Is Investigating New York Attorney General Letitia James, Another Trump Foe.” [Politico, [9/26/25](#)]

NOMINEE FOR ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY GENERAL STANLEY WOODWARD AND DOJ

CHIEF OF STAFF CHAD MIZELLE: One of the areas of enforcement most ripe for corruption is antitrust enforcement, where figures like Vice President Vance have campaigned on an aggressive populist bent – but in practice top officials Woodward and Mizelle have allegedly “perverted justice” to side with companies.

- According To The Hill, A Former Senior DOJ Antitrust Official Accused The Agency Of “Allowing Politically Connected Lobbyists To Influence Decisionmaking,” Specifically In The “HPE-Juniper Merger Scandal, [Bondi Chief Of Staff] Chad Mizelle And [Associate Attorney General] Stanley Woodward Perverted Justice And Acted Inconsistent With The Rule Of Law.” [The Hill, [8/18/25](#)]
- Former Official Roger Alford Said “Although I am Limited in What I Can Say, It Is My Opinion That in the HPE-Juniper Merger Scandal, Chad Mizelle and Stanley Woodward Perverted Justice and Acted Inconsistent with the Rule of Law.” [The Hill, [8/18/25](#)]
- Public Citizen release: “Trump’s Inauguration Donor Pool Includes \$50 Million in Contributions from Corporations Under Investigation or Facing Federal Enforcement.” Hewlett Packard contributed \$250,000 to President Trump’s inauguration while the enforcement action was pending. [Public Citizen, [4/21/2025](#)]

CORRUPTING DEPORTATIONS & BORDER ENFORCEMENT

WHITE HOUSE BORDER CZAR TOM HOMAN: During Trump's election campaign, allegedly took \$50,000 in cash from undercover FBI agents seeking to win contracts in a Trump Administration. With the likely dramatic expansion of detention facilities under Trump, this was hardly an abstract matter. While he has indignantly asserted no wrongdoing, he has conspicuously not denied taking the money, and the Trump Administration has refused to release the reported recording of the exchange.

- Prior To Taking Office, Trump Border Czar Tom Homan Allegedly Took \$50,000 Cash In A Bag From Undercover FBI Agents To Help Them Win Government Contracts In Trump's Second Term; He Denied Wrongdoing But Did Not Deny Taking The Money. [Mediaite, [9/22/25](#)]
- The Investigation Into Homan Was Shut Down After Trump Took Office. [New York Times, [9/20/25](#)]

DHS SECRETARY KRISTI NOEM: Noem has dedicated a large amount of her time to public relations around President Trump's deportation agenda, from television ads to photo ops with detainees held in El Salvador, while her indiscriminate cuts and negligence have delayed disaster response in Texas and led the GAO to conclude "FEMA Staffing Shortages Could Mean Disaster for Future Response Efforts." Not everything has been delayed, however, with ProPublica reporting "Kristi Noem Fast-Trackd Millions in Disaster Aid to Florida Tourist Attraction After Campaign Donor Intervened."

- DHS Secretary Kristi Noem Created A New Rule That Required Her Personal Sign-Off For Expenditures Over \$100,000, Hindering FEMA's Response Capabilities.[CNN, [7/10/25](#)]
- According To CNN, While Texas Faced Deadly Flooding, "Noem Didn't Authorize FEMA's Deployment Of Urban Search And Rescue Teams Until...More Than 72 Hours After The Flooding Began." [CNN, [7/10/25](#)]
- WSJ Headline: "FEMA Is Paralyzed. Disaster-Torn Communities Are Paying the Price." The Wall Street Journal Reported That "Many of FEMA's core functions related to preparing for natural disasters and leading recovery efforts after they strike have ground to a halt" and That "Crucial contracts and grants haven't been approved, caught up in layers of new bureaucracy." [Wall Street Journal, [9/28/25](#)]

- September 2025 GAO Headline: “FEMA Staffing Shortages Could Mean Disaster For Future Response Efforts”; “The Agency Started The 2025 Hurricane Season With Just 12% Of Its Incident Management Workforce Available” With Staff “Supporting More Than 91 Major Disaster And Emergency Declarations Across The Country.” [U.S. Government Accountability Office- Watchblog, [9/17/25](#)]
- September 2025 ProPublica Headline: “Kristi Noem Fast-Trackd Millions In Disaster Aid To Florida Tourist Attraction After Campaign Donor Intervened”; She Also Flew On A Government Plane To Visit The Site And Have Dinner With The Donor from her 2022 election campaign At A French Restaurant. [ProPublica, [9/26/25](#)]
- The Donor Trip Included A “30-Minute Walk-Through” At The Site, A Nail Appointment, Dinner “At Bleu Provence, Which Serves Wagyu Short Ribs And Seared Foie Gras,” And A Stay At A Four-Star Hotel. [ProPublica, [9/26/25](#)]
- Meanwhile, North Carolina GOP Senator Ted Budd Said of His State, Still Recovering from Hurricane Devastation, “I Can’t Get Phone Calls Back. I Can’t Get Them To Initiate The Money. It’s Just A Quagmire,” and “Pretty Much Everything Helene-Related Is Over \$100,000. So They’re Stacking Up On Her Desk Waiting For Her Signature” [ProPublica, [9/26/25](#)]

SPECIAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE COREY LEWANDOWSKI: Despite reportedly being the most powerful official at DHS under Secretary Noem, Lewandowski has sidestepped Senate confirmation as a special government employee, while also refusing to file the required financial disclosures. This is all the more alarming given his career as an influence peddler under the previous Trump presidency.

- Despite Working As A “Special Government Employee,” Corey Lewandowski’s Required Financial Disclosures Have Not Been Made Publicly Available as Legally Required. [Axios, [9/5/25](#)]
- According to New York Magazine, Lewandowski Reportedly Lost Out On The DHS Chief Of Staff Position For Reasons Including Being “Accused Of Receiving \$50,000 Directly From The Chinese Communist Party As Well As Money From Israel’s Likud Party Without Disclosing The Payments On His DHS Background Form.” [New York Magazine, [9/22/25](#)]

CORRUPTING CONTROL OF THE AIRWAVES

FCC CHAIR BRENDAN CARR: Carr became famous for threatening ABC with the trope “We can do this the easy way or the hard way,” leading to the indefinite suspension – since revoked after backlash – of late night comedy show host Jimmy Kimmel, who expressed disgust at the political exploitation by some of Charlie Kirk’s murder. But this was by no means the first instance of Carr weaponizing his regulatory enforcement power for political ends. His threats have been all the more significant as many media companies have business interests pending before the Administration.

- Carr Authored The FCC Chapter Of The Heritage Foundation’s Project 2025 While Serving As An FCC Commissioner. [New York Times, [9/24/25](#)]
- ABC Pulled Jimmy Kimmel’s Show After FCC Chair Brendan Carr “Suggested That His Regulatory Agency Might Take Action Against ABC” Because Of Kimmel’s Remarks About Charlie Kirk; The New York Times Called It “An Extraordinary Exertion Of Political Pressure On A Major Broadcast Network By The Trump Administration.” [New York Times, [9/17/25](#)]
- An FCC Commissioner Accused Carr Of “Weaponizing” The FCC’s Regulatory Authority “To Bring Broadcasters To Heel.” [Axios, [9/18/25](#)]
- Since Becoming Head Of The FCC, “Carr Has Waged War Against The Free Speech Of Those Who Have Reported On, Criticized, Or Satirized The President.” [NPR, [9/9/25](#)]
- The Freedom Of Press Foundation Filed An Ethics Complaint Calling For The Disbarment Of FCC Chair Brendan Carr Alleging He Pressured Paramount Into Settling Trump Lawsuit And Paying \$16 Million, “Paving The Way” For FCC Approval Of Paramount’s Merger With Skydance. “[The Wrap, [7/28/25](#)]

CORRUPTION OF ACCESS TO PERSONAL RECORDS

DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY BILL PULTE: In one of the most blatant abuses of federal power, the head of the FHFA – a prominent Trump donor and social media supporter – appears to have transformed the normally apolitical perch overseeing housing policy into a political oppo shop to smear anybody Trump perceives to be in his way.

- AP: “With Pulte In Charge, The Federal Housing Finance Agency Is Becoming Another Instrument Of Trump’s Mission To Exert Control And Retaliate Against Enemies.” “When Bill Pulte was nominated as the country’s top housing regulator, he told senators that his ‘number one mission will be to strengthen and safeguard the housing finance system.’ But since he started the job, he’s distinguished himself by targeting President Donald Trump’s political enemies...Since returning to the White House, Trump has reached deep into the government to advance his agenda. He’s overhauled the federal workforce with the Office of Personnel Management, [pushed ideological changes](#) at the Smithsonian network of museums and [fired the commissioner](#) of the Bureau of Labor Statistics when he didn’t like a recent report on job numbers. With Pulte in charge, the Federal Housing Finance Agency is becoming another instrument of Trump’s mission to exert control and retaliate against enemies.” [Associated Press, [8/27/25](#)]
- The AP Reported That Pulte Had Leveled Allegations Of Mortgage Fraud Against Democrats But Ignored Similar Cases Involving Republicans. “Pulte Has Ignored a Similar Case Involving Ken Paxton, the Texas Attorney General Who is Friendly with Trump and is Running for Senate in His State’s Republican Primary.” [Associated Press, [8/27/25](#)]
- Pulte “Has Used His 3 Million Followers On X To Reinvent The Sleepy Mortgage Regulator As A Platform For Political Combat” By Elevating Allegations Of Mortgage Fraud Against Trump Critics NY Attorney General Letitia James And Senator Adam Schiff. [Axios, [8/21/25](#)]
- Trump Used Mortgage Fraud Allegations Publicized By Pulte “In An Attempt To Fire Lisa Cook, A Member Of The Federal Reserve Board, As He Tries To Exert More Control Over The Traditionally Independent Central Bank.” [Associated Press, [8/27/25](#)]

NATIONAL ARCHIVES SENIOR ADVISOR JIM BYRON: As part of Trump's wave of firings of typically non-partisan officials, he fired the leadership of the nonpartisan National Archives, putting Marco Rubio nominally in charge but appointing Jim Byron, President Of The Nixon Foundation, as senior advisor. Already, a technician at the Archives has made the "egregious" mistake of providing unredacted records on a Democratic gubernatorial candidate, even including the candidate's Social Security number, to a close ally of the Republican candidate. It remains unclear whether Byron himself was involved.

- After Taking Office Trump "Wreaked Havoc On One Agency Long Known For Its Nonpartisanship And Revered For Its Mission: The National Archives And Records Administration." [AP, [2/26/25](#)]
- Trump "Recently Declared That The President Of The Richard Nixon Foundation, Jim Byron, Would Oversee The National Archives And Records Administration (Nara) On 'a Day-To-Day Basis.'" After Reportedly Firing The Head Of The National Archives. [AP, [2/26/25](#); TIME Magazine, [3/24/25](#)]
- NARA's Acting Archivist And Inspector General Agency Resigned After Trump Officials Including Byron Reportedly "Made It Clear They Wanted To Remove The Agency's Leadership Team And Install Loyalists." [Washington Post, 2/16/25]
- In An "Egregious Blunder," The National Archives Released A "Mostly Unredacted Version Of Democratic Rep. Mikie Sherrill's Military Records" To An Ally Of Her Republican Opponent In Response To A FOIA Request." [CBS News, [9/26/25](#)]

EDWARD “BIG BALLS” CORISTINE, ELON MUSK’S DOGE APPOINTEE, SOCIAL

SECURITY ADMINISTRATION: As Elon Musk, Trump’s largest political donor, was given free reign over much of the federal government, a particular point of friction was at the Social Security Administration where severe workforce cuts have interfered with customer service and where senior officials resigned after confrontations about access to the most sensitive databases of personal information. Coristine, previously a Musk employee at SpaceX, resigned from DOGE after self-proclaimed “racist” posts surfaced, but was rehired and placed at SSA, only to be named in whistleblower complaints over personal information.

- CBPP Reported That “Even The Limited Influx Of Trump Loyalists” At The SSA Resulted In “Grieving Families And Parents Of Newborn Children In Maine Being Targeted In An Act Of Political Retribution” And “Senior Executives Being Removed For Objecting To The Inappropriate And Likely Illegal Weaponization Of Social Security Databases.” [CBPP, [5/8/25](#)]
- A Whistleblower Alleged That DOGE Uploaded A Copy Of A Social Security Database To A Vulnerable Cloud Server, Which Put “The Personal Information Of Hundreds Of Millions Of Americans At Risk Of Being Leaked Or Hacked.” “Edward Coristine, a 19-Year-Old DOGE Software Engineer, Was Also Involved in the Project and Would Be Given Access to the Server, Other Records Show.” [New York Times, [8/26/25](#)]