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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

JOSEPH KIRCHNER,

Plaintiff,

v.

MIKE JOHNSON, in his individual and official
capacity as Speaker of the United States House of
Representatives;
DONALD J. TRUMP, in his individual capacity as
former and current President of the United States;
PAM BONDI, in her individual and official capacity
as Attorney General of the United States;
BRENDAN CARR, in his individual and official
capacity as Chairman of the Federal Communications
Commission;
THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES;
ANTHROPIC PBC;
OPENAI, INC.;
APPLE INC.;
COMCAST CABLE COMMUNICATIONS, LLC;
METR (MODEL EVALUATION & THREAT
RESEARCH);
and DOES 1-20, unknown co-conspirators,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:25-cv-02735-ACR

**EXHIBIT A-3:
GOVERNMENT
SHUTDOWN AS
COERCIVE
APPROPRIATIONS**

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I. Johnson Eulogy Invoking Free Marketplace of Ideas

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1. **Johnson** Right. Thank you all so much. It does my heart good to see you. And they hear that all the way in heaven. I'm telling you, it's been a very, very difficult week in America. We all know that it's been a mixture of unspeakable sadness and grief and anger and, and even fear. It's as if a, a dark shadow was cast over our country and certainly here even on Capitol Hill.
 2. **Johnson** Uh, the leaders of the nation have been shaken, as have university students and college students and young people all across the country. As, as if the, the, the ground was shifted beneath us. We all felt it deep, deep inside. And in spite of that, we remember that our dear friend Charlie, would never want us to be overcome by despair.
 3. **Johnson** He would want exactly the opposite. You know, Charlie Kirk. Recruited and trained and educated a generation of happy warriors, and we do well to be reminded that the best way to honor his memory and to honor his unmatched legacy is to live as Charlie did. That's right.
 4. I I just have two thoughts in a very brief moment. I'm given to speak to you tonight. I just wanna give you two thoughts with, in that regard. I, if we can do two things that Charlie did, we will honor that legacy. One is to advance his principles and the other is to adopt his approach. Now, regarding his principles.
 5. Charlie was a man of deep faith and conviction. Everyone here can testify to that and all the speakers will tonight. I mean, he meant it to his core. He was authentic and that's what drew people to the message so much. And he believed in the things that are noble and praiseworthy and good that scripture talks about.
 6. He believed in family and freedom, faith and virtue and, and patriotism. See Charlie understood that we live in the greatest nation in the history of the world. It's not even close. That's right.
 7. I don't care what anybody argues in. Charlie could beat 'em all. We're the most, we're the most free, most successful, most powerful, most benevolent nation that has ever been on the earth. And Charlie understood why, and he wanted others to understand it as well. Because Charlie knew that if you don't understand the source of your freedom, it is easy for it to be taken away.
 8. Charlie believed in the creed of our country, which we will celebrate our 250th anniversary next year.
 9. Charlie loved to take university students and young people through the second paragraph, the declaration. We hold these truths to be self-evident. By the way, students, what is the self-evident truth? It's something that's obvious. We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, not born equal, created equal. That's what Charlie knew,
 10. and Charlie knew that, that because of that, because what the founders said, what they articulated, that, that, that, that God created us. He's the one that gave us our

1 inalienable rights. Charlie Kirk stood for the principle and he shared it everywhere
2 he could. Our rights do not derive from the state or a king.

3 11. They come from the king of kings.

4 12. Charlie also taught so effectively he did it as well as anybody in his generation or
5 possibly for many generations. That the other principles that come from that, what
6 the founders do, and when they put this country together, this grand experiment in
7 self-governance, they understood. That we are made in the image of God.

8 13. And because of that, that's right. Because of that, Charlie knew and he believed it,
9 and you could see it in how he, he advanced this ministry of his. He knew that
10 because we're all made in the image of God. Every single person has inestimable,
11 dignity and value, and your values not related in any way or the color of your skin
12 or what zip code you live in, where you go to school.

13 14. It's irrelevant. Your values inherit 'cause it is given to you by God. That's what
14 Charlie Kirk believed. That's what Charlie Kirk believed.

15 15. If we could advance those principles that Charlie advanced, we'll be able to save
16 this great republic. And that's what he was all about. But we should also adopt his
17 approach. See, Charlie loved a vigorous debate, but he loved people more. Right,
18 Charlie. That's right Charlie. Charlie was never motivated by hate.

19 16. I mean, he could cling the fuck of anybody in a debate. We all know it. But you
20 know what he did after those debates? He was always the first person to reach out a
21 hand of friendship or to offer an arm around the shoulder of someone who he felt
22 was lost. Because in many places, in many cases, the people he was debating were
23 indeed lost.

24 17. Not just philosophically but spiritually. And Charlie knew the truth. And he knew
25 that eternity awaits us all. We know exactly where Charlie is right now. That's
26 right.

27 18. Charlie had such faith and such such belief, and he wanted to share that truth with
28 others. And what he was trying to do is pull people back from the abyss, not just to
29 save a country, but to save souls. That's what Charlie Kirk was about. And that that
30 will resonate. It goes far beyond him. His legacy is immeasurable.

31 19. I used to be a lawyer. I defended free speech and the religious freedom and, and all
32 that in the courts, and we tried to, we talked a lot about advancing and preserving
33 the free marketplace of ideas. I think Charlie Curd. Offered more productive
34 content, the free marketplace of ideas than anyone in its generation, and arguably in
35 the last hundred years of US history.

36 20. I could go on and on, but I'm out of time because you have a lot of great people to
37 hear from tonight. Everybody has a story about Charlie and. They're all worthy to
38 be shared, and I wouldn't know we'll be doing that for many days to come. I'll just
39 leave you with a thought from Edmund Burke. It's attributed to him, and Charlie
40 knew this quote, well, he was my friend.

41 21. We talked about these things. He, he reminded young people, all that is necessary
42 for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing. Charlie Kirk did so much in his

1 short life. That he spurred that on in other people. He inspired it in other people,
2 and that message and that truth will go more boldly now than it did while he was
3 here.

4 22. It will go forward with power and strength. That's it.

5 23. I've been asked to offer a brief word of prayer, so if you would do that with me.
6 Heavenly Father, we come to you tonight. In sadness, but also with Grateful Hearts
7 because we know that your truth endures. We know where our dear brother and
8 friend Charlie is. We thank you that he's receiving his reward and that he's heard
9 those words that we all aspire to hear.

10 24. Well done. Good and faithful servant father, help us to remember the principles of
11 your word that Charlie worked every day to advance that we do not return evil for
12 evil, but we overcome evil. With good. And we pray that you bless our friend and
13 brother's legacy, that it goes on roars on throughout the nation, that you pray and
14 encourage and inspire, Erica, the children, the the Kirk family, the the Turning
15 Point staff, and, and all the volunteers and supporters and every student around the
16 nation who is, who is already connected to this organization and the 18,000 plus
17 inquiries that they received this week for new chapters.

18 25. Heavenly Father, we pray that you bless that in such a supernatural, exponential
19 way that no one can explain it, but that your spirit has been involved. We pray and
20 believe all this and we commit our great nation to you. In Jesus' name, amen.
21 Amen.

22 [transcript end]

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24 Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HP-XiraEuLQ>

25 Date: September 15, 2025

II. Johnson Admits Shutdown Causes "More Pain"

1. **Johnson:** Right now on the shutdown, tens of thousands of visitors here, family, you have school groups that come and visit. They, they walk these grounds. Uh, we have about 7,000 people who visit this capitol each and every day, but today, that's not gonna be the case. Today, America's boys and girls will walk up to these doors and they'll see something different, a sign that says closed until further notice.
2. **Johnson:** And that's because at midnight, the Democrats followed through on their threat to shut down the United States government. As we speak here this morning, there are hundreds of thousands of federal workers who are getting their furlough notices. Nearly half of our civilian workforce is being sent home.
3. **Johnson:** These are hardworking Americans who work for our federal government. Our troops and our border patrol agents will have to go to work, but they'll be working without pay food assistance. Veterans benefits and vital support for women and children are all coming to a halt. Now, thankfully, president Trump is trying to mitigate the damage as much as possible.
4. **Johnson:** His administration is working to limit the harm to the American people, but the longer this goes on, the more pain will be inflicted because it is inevitable when the government shuts down. The, the, the sad thing about it is that every single bit of this was entirely avoidable. Democrats could have worked with us in a bipartisan manner to avert this unnecessary and very harmful shutdown.
5. **Johnson:** But instead, they did something that is rather shocking to us. They prioritized taxpayer funded benefits for illegal aliens over keeping the government open for American citizens. They themselves positioned that as a binary choice, and it's patently absurd. Listen to what the Democrats are demanding.
6. **Johnson:** They, they demanded in exchange for our simple clean 24 page bipartisan continuing resolution, the same one that Chuck Schumer and the Democrats voted for just a few months back in March. In exchange for that, they rejected it and they demanded something else. They wanted us to add over \$1.5 trillion in new federal spending, paid for, of course, by hard pay, hardworking, uh, American taxpayers simply for funding the government a current by current Biden level, uh, spending levels.
7. **Johnson:** We, we are not going to do that. We can't do that. We won't do it. Almost two weeks ago, the House did our job in the house. We passed a common sense nonpartisan Bill to keep the government open. Republicans did our job. We had one Democrat join us there, so it was bipartisan, but every other Democrat in the house voted to shut the government down.
8. **Johnson:** And last night, 44 Democrats in the Senate did the same thing. This is a clean resolution. It would simply by Congress a few more weeks, seven weeks to finish the job. Why do we need that time? So that appropriators in both parties can finish their work. They've been restoring regular order. They've passed 12 separate bills out of committee in the house, and the Senate has done its work as well.

1 9. **Johnson:** Three bills of the 12 passed in each chamber. They don't line up exactly.
2 So there's a conference committee constituted the first time in years that that's
3 happened. We just need more time because we ran out of clock, uh, the end of the
4 fiscal year, September 30. This is very important to note. Democrats themselves
5 have voted to pass a clean bipartisan cr just like this 13 times in the last few years
6 during the four years of the Biden administration.

7 10. **Johnson:** 13 times this happened. Republicans did the responsible thing, even
8 when we were in the minority to keep the government open, and today should be
9 no different. There is nothing new in this legislation. There's no poison pill, there's
10 no partisan tricks. There's no GAMTs whatsoever. The only difference today is the
11 man who is sitting in the Oval Office, rather than work with President Trump and
12 Republicans to get this job done, as our party has done repeatedly in the same
13 situation over the years, Democrats wanna play political games with the lives and
14 the livelihoods of Americans.

15 11. **Johnson:** The simple truth is Democrats and Congress have dragged our country
16 into another reckless shutdown to satisfy their far left base. That is the truth,
17 whether or not the government remains. Open or reopens is entirely up to them.
18 There's still time for Democrats to pass this clean bipartisan bill that's sitting before
19 them, and we encourage our Democrat colleagues to do that.

20 12. **Johnson:** I certainly pray they'll come to their senses soon and do the right and
21 responsible thing. The reason they will have one more opportunity today is because
22 of the sound leadership that is being provided in the US Senate by our colleagues,
23 uh, who are standing here with us. This is a joint press conference, as you know,
24 between leadership, republican leadership in the House and the Senate.

25 13. **Johnson:** And I'm delighted to yield to my good friend and an extraordinary
26 leader in the Senate leader John Th.

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Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V0FoI6HwyJA>

29 Date: October 2, 2025

III. Johnson Claims Democrats Gave "Keys to the Kingdom"

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1. **Johnson:** To reject the completely non-partisan, completely clean, very simple 24 page continuing resolution that we passed in the house here two weeks ago. Now, why did we do that for a refresher for everyone? We have been working very hard, this leadership team to get Congress working again. Congress has not done the appropriations process appropriately for many years now, and so we have forced the muscle memory back.
 2. **Johnson:** Our appropriators have done a great job in bipartisan fashion, by the way. And they've worked very hard and passed 12 separate appropriations bills through the committee as it's supposed to be done. They, they, we passed three of those off the house floor. The Senate did its work for the first time in years.
 3. **Johnson:** The Senate passed three appropriations bills off the floor. Tho those bills don't match up. Exactly. So the way the system works, everybody remembers from civics is that when the two chambers have bills that don't align perfectly. You, you put together a conference committee that's been done. All of that work's, been, been, been done very deliberately, very carefully, and as good stewards of taxpayer resources.
 4. **Johnson:** The problem is we ran out of time because the end of the fiscal year is September 30th. So we sent over, we did the logical, simple, good faith thing instead of loading up a continuing resolution to keep the lights on, to keep the government open so this process can continue. Instead of loading it up with poison pills or gimmicks or tricks, we sent over a very simple continuing resolution that every single Democrat in the Senate has voted for in the past, just to keep the government open for the people so that we could get to November 21st, seven weeks to allow more time for this process to play out.
 5. **Johnson:** That is what happened. Now, the Democrats did something they've never done before. Chuck Schumer has led them all to vote against it. Everybody's been discussing this for the last few days. Why in the world would Chuck Schumer do a 180 degree turn? Because he said passionately as recently as March of this year on the same instrument, the same cr, that it would be reckless and irresponsible and dangerous to close down the federal government.
 6. **Johnson:** Why did Chuck Schumer change his tune? Everybody knows that now he's trying to avoid a challenge from his left flank in his next Senate reelection campaign, and, and he wants to avoid the scrutiny that he received for doing the right thing back in March because the far left and the base. Uh, really went crazy on poor Chuck Schumer, and so he changed his tune, and now they're trying to pretend it's about something completely different.
 7. **Johnson:** They have made a decision that they would rather give taxpayer funded benefits to illegal aliens than to keep the doors open for the American people to keep vital services, veteran services, healthcare and nutrition. For women, infants and children, they'd, they would rather not pay the troops and TSA agents, a border patrol agent.

- 1 8. **Johnson:** They would rather stop services of FEMA in the middle of a hurricane
2 season than to do the right thing for partisan political purposes. It is selfish, it's
3 reprehensible, and it is exactly the opposite of what they have all said themselves in
4 their own words, very passionately. Every day until now, we've been playing the
5 the greatest hits loop here on a video right outside the speaker's office for days.
- 6 9. **Johnson:** You've all seen it. Make them answer for that. Right. Don't, don't ask the
7 Republicans what we should be doing or what we should be negotiating. I don't
8 have anything to negotiate. I sent them in good faith exactly what they had voted
9 for before. We did not put any Republican provisions in that, and we tried to make
10 this very simple in good faith.
- 11 10. **Johnson:** So the appropriations process of the people can continue. Now, let me,
12 there's been a lot of talk about, they say that we're making this up, this illegal aliens
13 receiving taxpayer benefits. It's a talking point. They said, I wanna remind you of a
14 couple of key facts. Everybody can remember, I think back to 2020 in the
15 presidential, uh, debate, uh, for all the candidates on the Democrat side.
- 16 11. **Johnson:** You might remember famously they were asked the question, raise your
17 hand. They said on the stage, if you believe that illegal aliens should receive
18 healthcare paid for by American taxpayers, every single one of them raised their
19 hand to great applause in the audience from the Democrats who were there.
- 20 12. **Johnson:** Those hands included Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. Now, what did they
21 do? Did they follow through in that promise? Yeah, they absolutely did. Joe Biden
22 used executive orders and he expanded benefits healthcare to illegal aliens in his
23 four year term. That was an outrageous violation of the existing federal law and of
24 the principles of good stewardship.
- 25 13. **Johnson:** The, those resources are not meant for people who break the law and
26 come into our country. They're meant for US citizens, and so they watered down
27 these health programs. It was terribly dangerous then, so we, we, we, we got the
28 majority. President Trump has returned, uh, to the Oval Office with a mandate of
29 75 million Americans, this big popular vote win the House.
- 30 14. **Johnson:** Republicans received our largest popular vote total in the history of this
31 institution. Uh, republicans went immediately to work and we passed the one big
32 beautiful bill, the Working Families Tax Cut, and we fulfilled all the promises that
33 we made. One of the key promises that we made, because you all know that the
34 open border was probably the number one issue in the election cycle.
- 35 15. **Johnson:** Was that we would end that madness. We would cut off resources, hard
36 earned taxpayer dollars by American citizens, not going to reward people for
37 breaking our law and coming over the border. And we did that. The one big, big,
38 beautiful bill, the working families tax cut included a huge provision. A big chunk
39 of that bill was the health provisions.
- 40 16. **Johnson:** Now, why are we saying that they wanna return and restore, uh,
41 taxpayer funded benefits to illegal aliens? Because that's exactly what they did.
42 When they rejected the clean CR that we sent over the Senate, filed the Senate

1 Democrats, Chuck Schumer filed a counter proposal. Now, what was in that
2 counter proposal?

3 17. **Johnson:** You can see it for yourselves. In fact, if you're watching at home, go to
4 my website right now, speaker.gov. Go to the press releases tab and you'll see it.
5 It's listed right there. Just click on it. I'd like you to turn in your hymnals to page
6 57. Okay, section 2141. It is there in black letter. They filed this.

7 18. **Johnson:** This is not a talking point. This is what they propose. They wanted to
8 add instead of the clean CR that keeps the government open for seven more weeks
9 to allow us to finish the work, they proposed a wild list of partisan priorities among
10 them. They wanna return a half a billion dollars to the Corporation for public
11 broadcasting to prop up, uh, left leaning and biased media organizations.

12 19. **Johnson:** We're not doing that. The American people don't want us to do that. We
13 don't need the Corporation for Public Broadcasting funded by taxpayers anymore.
14 Because we're in their age of ubiquitous media. There's what, 200 of you guys
15 here? There's so many outlets. We don't need to do that. We're not gonna do that.

16 20. **Johnson:** They also, they wanted to cut in the Democrats counter proposal. I want
17 you to read it for yourself. speaker.gov. Go there and check it out. They want to
18 remove the rural hospital fund that Republicans fought so hard to put into the one
19 big, beautiful bill. We set \$50 billion aside to take care of rural hospitals.

20 21. **Johnson:** Why would Chuck Schumer want to get rid of that? I don't know. A lot
21 of those rural hospitals are in red states. You have to decide for yourself what the
22 motivations are here. But they say they're for healthcare. Why would they wanna
23 do that? The other thing that they put in there is very important and, and on page
24 57, in section 21, 41, not a Republican talking point read from the Democrats
25 document themselves.

26 22. **Johnson:** They said that they wanna repeal the health provisions of the one big
27 beautiful bill. And why is that so important? Because I wanna tell you what, what
28 that those health provisions did. They eliminated. All of the, the, uh, taxpayer
29 funded benefits go into illegals. There was, there was an amendment that was sent
30 over to the Senate to ensure that illegals would not be getting healthcare paid for by
31 taxpayer dollars.

32 23. **Johnson:** Illegal aliens. Okay. 43 of the 47 Senate, Senate Democrats voted
33 against that. This is just a few months ago. The bill was signed in law July 4th, and
34 we cut all of that out. Let me, let me tell you what. Uh, some of those things are the
35 Democrats counter-proposal cr, the dirty CR we call it as deposited to the clean CR
36 would result in nearly \$200 billion being spent on illegal aliens and other non-
37 citizens.

38 24. **Johnson:** Let me be specific. This is just a few of those, the reforms that we put in
39 that they want to repeal. And, and, uh, reverse number one, a provision that closes
40 the California loophole. Now that's a, a provision that's also been adopted by states
41 like New York and Michigan and Massachusetts. Other states have followed other
42 blue states.

- 1 25. **Johnson:** The California loophole allows taxpayer funded Medicaid for illegal
2 aliens. We eliminated that in the big beautiful bill. Their repeal, their counter offer
3 is to repeal and reverse that, that would cost \$34 billion of US taxpayer funds.
4 Number two, a provision that prohibits Medicaid. From paying more for emergency
5 care provided to illegal aliens than it does for American patients who are disabled
6 or elderly or children.
- 7 26. **Johnson:** They want, we, we eliminated that in their counter proposal that they
8 have filed that you can read yourself. They wanna repeal that that would cost
9 taxpayers \$28 billion. Here's another one. Number three, they, they've counter
10 proposed a provision that ends the Obamacare funding for non non-citizens. The
11 cost of that repeal would be \$91 billion to all of you.
- 12 27. **Johnson:** Taxpayers, hardworking American citizens would be funding that. A
13 provision that repeals the Obamacare special rule for immigrants that cost, uh,
14 would be 27 billion for taxpayers, a provision that ends Medicaid funding for those
15 improperly granted asylum and parole under President Biden's open borders.
- 16 28. **Johnson:** The cost of that would be 6 billion. I think that's actually a low estimate.
17 You know, president Biden intentionally opened the border in Kamala Harris for
18 four straight years, by some estimates, 20 million. Illegal aliens came from every
19 country all around the world, and a lot of dangerous people came into the the
20 country.
- 21 29. **Johnson:** And you know what they did? They granted 'em all asylum. They gave
22 'em all this parole status so that they could get roll onto taxpayer benefits. We've all
23 been funding that. Republicans said, no, that does not comport with common sense.
24 We're gonna do right by Americans and not everybody else. We're not gonna
25 incentivize illegal immigration.
- 26 30. **Johnson:** And that's exactly what Biden and Harris did. It's what President Trump.
27 Trump ran on to end. And we did that. It took president about two months and they
28 closed that border tight. We don't have that problem anymore, but we still gotta
29 deal with the tens of millions of people who are here illegally. We're working on
30 that.
- 31 31. **Johnson:** So the democrats, so-called reasonable counter proposal would reverse
32 all those common sense reforms I just listed and more, and I don't want you to take
33 our word for it. I, I don't want you to regard this as some talking point. I want you
34 to go read it for yourselves, speaker.gov, go to press releases.
- 35 32. **Johnson:** You'll see it's the first thing listed. Click on the bill and go through it
36 yourself and you'll see it. The result of all this would be \$200 billion at least, and
37 taxpayer funded benefits going straight to illegal aliens. Those are the simple facts.
38 They cannot refute it. We have been making the rounds in all the media and every,
39 every mainstream media outlet that we can get to over the last few days, and no
40 one, no one can challenge the facts that are on the paper.
- 41 33. **Johnson:** It's right there for everybody to see themselves. Uh, we have lots to say
42 about that and I'll answer some questions, but I want you to hear from the rest of

1 the leadership team and our majority leader has been working really hard on this.
2 All this is, uh, Mr. Steve Scalise leader.

3 [continues with similar rhetoric by non-defendants]

4 [defendant Mike Johnson takes stage]

5 34. **Reporter:** Thank you. Right here. Yeah. Does the President have the
6 constitutional authority just because of the shutdown, to lay off thousands of
7 federal government workers or withhold funding for congressionally approved
8 projects that are on, sorry.

9 35. **Johnson:** Um, yeah, he does. Okay. This is the way the system works. This is
10 Chuck Schumer's Decision is to hand, as I said on a couple interviews yesterday,
11 the keys to the kingdom, to the president, right. He has, he has put himself in that
12 situation and it's completely unnecessary. The President takes no pleasure in this.
13 The president did not want a shut down. I'm telling you this from, from my own
14 testimony. I was in the Oval Office. He pleaded with Chuck Schumer and Hakeem
15 Jeffries to do the right thing, keep the government open. We'll talk about all these
16 other issues later 'cause that's how the process works. But falling, failing that
17 because they have decided to vote to shut the government down, they have now
18 effectively turned off the legislative branch, the Article two branch of. Or the
19 Article one, sorry. The article one branch of, uh, of, of, of our government and
20 they've turned it over to the executive.

21 36. **Johnson:** Okay, so in that situation, when Congress turns off the funding and the
22 funding runs out, it is up to the commander in chief, the President of the United
23 States, to determine how those resources will be spent. He has that responsibility
24 given to him by the Democrats and the Senate. They can't complain about it, and he
25 doesn't want to do it, but in this scenario, what they have to do is make very
26 difficult decisions.

27 37. **Johnson:** Most of the responsibility falls to Russ Vote. He's the director of the
28 Office of Management and Budget As you go. As you know, whomever is seated in
29 the chair at OMB during a shutdown has to do the same thing. Ru d Russ does this
30 reluctantly. We had a 45 minute, uh, telephone conference with him yesterday.

31 38. **Johnson:** He talked to all the House Republicans. He takes no pleasure in this
32 because Russ has to sit down and decide because he's in charge of that office,
33 which policies, personnel, and which programs are essential and which are not.
34 That is not a fun task. And he is not enjoying that responsibility. And it could end
35 today if the Senate Democrats would come to their senses and do the right thing for
36 the American people.

37 39. **Johnson:** But if they don't, and if they keep the government closed, it's gonna get
38 more and more painful because the resources run out. And more and more things
39 have to be reduced and eliminated.

40 40. **Johnson:** Now, when he sits down as the director of OMB, he will obviously, uh,
41 have a, a subjective determination on, on, on the priorities. And what do you think
42 he would do? Because what would any OMB director do under any president?

1 They're gonna look to see for the administration's priorities first and ensure that
 2 those are funded. And so that, that's some, those are some very serious
 3 determinations that have to be made. We want to protect hardworking federal
 4 workers, and these are people who protect all the rest of us. By the way, we
 5 mentioned T-A-S-T-S-A agents, border Patrol agents, our troops, the military. Are
 6 not being paid. And so they're inflicting hardship on people for no reason. Is it
 7 constitutional? Is it lawful? Is it part of our system? Of course it is. It always has
 8 been. And this Democrats are the ones who have decided to inflict the pain, not the
 9 president.

10 41. **Reporter:** You all have to share polling showing the American public is on your
 11 side. I'm wondering if those layoffs happen in mass as federal workers are. Lose the
 12 support of the public in that hearing?

13 42. **Johnson:** No, I mean, look, the reason that we're talking with you so plainly today
 14 is to explain to every single American citizen why this is happening. How in the
 15 world could they blame the people here who have done our job and sent over a
 16 clean CR to keep the lights on?

17 43. **Johnson:** There is no, there is no gimmick. People say, why aren't you negotiating
 18 with, with Schumer and Jefferies? Because I quite literally have nothing to
 19 negotiate. There's nothing I can pull out of the bill that was a Republican priority to
 20 say, oh, we won't do that. Why don't you guys vote for it now? I don't have
 21 anything.

22 44. **Johnson:** I didn't put anything in it to send it over. I'm stunned. I'm stunned that
 23 they have decided to shut the government down and hurt people. It is on them a
 24 hundred percent. The New York Times poll that was put on the Senate floor, uh,
 25 yesterday, I think it was day before, uh, they pointed out to Chuck Schumer, who's
 26 from New York, of course, that the New York Times clearly not a right leaning
 27 organization in, uh, publication has found that 65% of respondents said, please,
 28 Democrats don't shut the government down 'cause you don't get what you want.

29 45. **Johnson:** Many of them. Remember in New York, of course, what? Chuck
 30 Schumer and a OC and all the rest A OC, literally said that on the house floor
 31 several months back. She said, it's not normal to shut the government down just
 32 because you don't get what you want. Well, what changed? What changed? It's on
 33 them and not us.

34 46. **Johnson:** Yes, ma'am.

35 47. **Reporter:** We've learned that the Senate obviously may take up your bill again,
 36 but if it fails, we've been told that possible senators could go home for the weekend.
 37 They won't hold any votes until Monday. Do you think the Senate needs to stay?

38 48. **Johnson:** Of course they do. Of course they do. And, and the house is coming
 39 back next week hoping that they will be sending us something to, uh, to work on,
 40 that we can get back to work and do the people's business. They're anxious to come
 41 back, but the, the Senate Democrats, 44 of them. All the pressure should be on the
 42 44 Democrats who were dug in to try to pander to the far left corner of their base.
 43 That's what this is. How important is it to, to appeal to the radical left of your base

1 and hurt Americans? 'cause if they drag this on through the weekend, more and
2 more people will be hurt more.

3 49. **Johnson:** I, I want you to think, I, I come from a big military district. Okay.
4 Louisiana's fourth congressional district is home to Barksdale Air Force Base and
5 the, the command of global strike. The global strike command is in my district, in
6 the south part of my district. We have Fort Polk in the Joint Readiness Training
7 Center. I have lots of active duty military and lots of veterans.

8 50. **Johnson:** I, I want you to think about the young airmen or, or, or the young soldier
9 who's deployed right now defending our freedom and all of us in America's
10 interests, and they've left, I think of this, this one particular family, this, this
11 gentleman is deployed.

12 51. **Johnson:** He's got a young wife at home and they have three small children under
13 the age of six. She's not gonna get a paycheck as long as Chuck Schumer's playing
14 political games up here. It. They, they don't have a big, I know this family well,
15 they don't have a large tranche of savings. Okay. This is gonna be a serious
16 hardship.

17 52. **Johnson:** She won't be able to make the car note. She, she won't be able to maybe
18 pay for groceries for the kids because Chuck Schumer's up here playing games to
19 pander to the far left of this space. It's outrageous. Real people are getting hurt.
20 Veterans are not getting healthcare services. We have suicide prevention programs.

21 53. **Johnson:** Okay? That will not be funded because of this, this is not a game.
22 FEMA services, if you, if your, your flood insurance laps right now. And you need
23 to renew it. You can't do that right now. We have hurricanes off the coast of the
24 United States right now that if you buy a home and you're, and flood insurance is
25 required, which is, is, is in so many places around the country, you can't close on
26 your home right now.

27 54. **Johnson:** 'cause Chuck Schumer and 43 friends in the Democrat sins in the, uh,
28 friends in the Senator are making a game out of this. It is ridiculous. It is
29 irresponsible and dangerous. We'll come in at any hour, at any day to get the job
30 done, but they won't. Yes,

31 55. **Reporter:** Mr. Mr. Senator. Million dollars in AC subsidies fraud. I know
32 congressional Republican have been looking at this issue with the Obamacare tax
33 subsidies with those estimates. Do you have any concerns about that? And also,
34 Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America and 88 Total Pro-life organizations have said
35 they are concerned that amendment is being a burden, those Obama subsidies, and
36 that people are getting abortion through that. So are conservatives concerned about
37 those?

38 56. **Johnson:** Yeah, we, yeah. Conservatives are very concerned about the subsidies.
39 Um, not only that, but they're subsidizing, not, not American citizens. They're
40 subsidizing insurance companies with that, which has driven premiums up. It's, it's
41 got lots of problems. Okay. Uh, I was in the Oval Office with the president, with
42 Leader Thune, leader Jefferies and Leader Schumer a few days ago, and Leader

1 Thune rightfully said to Chuck Schumer, that is a red herring in this, and you all
2 know it.

3 57. **Johnson:** That is a, uh, the, the subsidies that you're referring to. Don't expire until
4 December 31st. We're at the end of September. You're, you're trying to take a
5 December policy issue and, and insert it into this discussion about whether we're
6 gonna keep government operating for the people that that is, that is a ploy.

7 58. **Johnson:** They, they, they've done that simply so that they can show a fight
8 against Trump and Republicans. Lemme tell you what that is all about. There'll be
9 lots of thoughtful discussion, deliberation and debate about that 'cause there's lots
10 of opinions and it needs major reform. Leader Thune told leader Schumer very
11 clearly in front of the president. Before that's even considered, you have to take on
12 real reforms to address those issues. And they, they, they demonstrated right there
13 in front of the president. He saw it for himself. That's not a simple issue. That's
14 gonna take weeks to, to deliberate and discuss and debate, but that's the beauty of
15 the process.

16 59. **Johnson:** We have three months to do that. That is not an issue for today. The day.
17 The only issue is whether they're gonna vote to keep the government operating for
18 the people. Clear, plain and simple.

19 60. **Reporter:** Speaker, speaker, Mr. Speaker, thank you so much, Democrats. Not
20 only have health insurance for illegals, but some of your democratic colleagues
21 over in the Senate are also talking about EI programs that Democrats wanna bring
22 back. Can you elaborate on that?

23 61. **Johnson:** Yes. There, there's all sorts of, remember we sent over a a 24 page clean
24 cr, they sent over this thing that you'll have to see on my website to believe it
25 yourself, but it's all chockfull of all sorts of crazy things that they wanna restore.
26 And DEI is one of always been one of their, uh, big priorities.

27 62. **Johnson:** They wanna spend one. Remember, 1.5 trillion new dollars of spending
28 is what they're demanding to keep the lights on around here. It's absurd and they
29 should know it. They're all wrapped around the axle about these woke progressive
30 programs being ended, but that's what the election was about, that that woke
31 progressive, progressive stuff is what the American people rejected.

32 63. **Johnson:** Some of our Democrat colleagues here are doubling, tripling down on it.
33 Good luck with that. Good luck with that. For the midterm election.

34 64. **Reporter:** Mr. The President posted on true social this morning that the meeting is
35 to determine which of the Democrat agencies they recommend to be cut.

36 65. **Johnson:** This is in addition to the money for New York for the transit funding
37 being cut and addition to Blue states seeing their energy funding. Cut. Uh, two
38 questions on this. I mean, do you, do you think this is political targeting? Is that
39 appropriate and then in addition, [Speaker interjection: no] HUD had on its agency
40 webpage blaming radical Democrats for this. Is that an appropriate use of taxpayer
41 money being Overtly political? It's something we haven't seen before.

1 66. **Johnson:** I think what the HUD website says is the objective truth that we're
2 telling you right now. There are 44 Democrats in a Senate, and by the way, every
3 Democrat in the house except one who voted to shut the government down, they
4 are the ones that made that decision.

5 67. **Johnson:** The, the White House and the Executive branch take no pleasure in this,
6 but when they are, uh, tasked with, with determining what their priorities are,
7 obviously they're going to do, they're gonna follow their principles and priorities
8 and not the other team. That's, that's the, the results of an election that everybody.

9 68. **Johnson:** Uh, voted in popular election in electoral college entire country. And
10 these are Democratic states. I'm, and that's why I'm pleading with the entire, entire
11 country to call your senators, your Democrat senators, the 44 people who wanna
12 shut the government down. You should call 'em right now and tell 'em to get here
13 and get to work and open the country up for the people.

14 69. **Johnson:** So many of you asked me this morning about sombreros and memes and
15 why, why Hakeem Jeffries is all alarmed by that. But look, these are games, these
16 are sideshow people are getting caught up in. In, in battles over social media,
17 memes. We've gotta keep the, this is not a game. We gotta keep the government
18 open for the people.

19 70. **Johnson:** I don't know why this is so complicated, and to my friend Hakeem, who
20 I was asked about, man, just ignore it. I mean, Gavin Newsom was trolling me last
21 night. He, he, he, he painted me like a minion. He painted me yellow with big
22 glasses and overalls, and I thought it was hilarious. You, you don't respond to it.

23 71. **Johnson:** For all my friends, for all my friends. Rs and Ds don't respond to it. Get
24 to work, do the people's business and let's get on with it. Thank Y all so much.

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26 Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V0FoI6HwyJA>

27 Date: October 2, 2025

IV. Trump Promises Navy Pay Conditional on "Democratic Gnats"

[Transcript begin]

1. **Trump:** Only know victory. We're only gonna know victory. We don't want to know the other. The other word we wanna know, victory. We're gonna have great victories in the years to come. Well, at least for almost three and a half years, we're gonna have great victories.
2. **Trump:** I wanna thank a group of women from North Carolina. Look at these. Great. Will you stand up, please? These beautiful women have followed me. This is number 151. You could call a rally. This is sort of a rally. Let's face it. This is a rally, this is a, a speech of love. We're all, we all love our country, but that group is from North Carolina. They're up to about 151 visits.
3. **Trump:** They have a whole group of them. I never see their husbands. I don't know what's going on with their husbands, I assume. Do they still love you? The husbands? Yes. Good. But I wanna thank you 151. They've been following me since 20. 16, and you look even better now than you did then, but I want to thank you very much.
4. **Trump:** It's a really group. They love our country. They like Trump, but you know what they really do? They love our country and we have the right policy, right? We have policy. We don't want crime. We don't want men playing in women's sports. We don't want transgender for everybody. We don't wanna have open borders where millions of people come into our country, from jails, from prisons, from mental institutions, and insane asylums.
5. **Trump:** Drug dealers murderers, 11,788 murderers were allowed to come into our country. A lot. A lot of them are gone. And by the way, Washington DC is a safe place right now. It went from one of the most dangerous cities in our country. Can you believe that? To probably the safest among the safest in our country.
6. **Trump:** Nobody's being hit. Anymore. It's very safe and I want to thank you. A lot of the people here have helped. A lot of the people in the audience are people that have straightened them out. It took 12 days. Think of that. Now we're in Memphis. We're doing the same thing in Memphis, and we're going to Chicago.
7. **Trump:** You know, we have a governor that thinks it's wonderful when 50 people in a short period of time were murdered in Chicago. Over 200 people were hit, and so we send in. The National Guard, we se I, you know what? We send in what's ever necessary. People don't care. They want to, they don't want crime in their cities.
8. **Trump:** And we're doing it. And we're doing it well. We're doing it like nobody's ever done it before. So I just want to tell you, you're very close to dc. The restaurants are thriving, the restaurants are dying. They were closing one after another. Now they're thriving. They're opening up beautiful new restaurants.
9. **Trump:** Washington DC is safe. And I even went there and had dinner the other night. And I stood right smack in the middle of the street. Secret Service was

1 thrilled and I gave a news conference. It's a safe place now, Washington, dc it's
2 always gonna be. Our nation's capital is always gonna be safe. We're never gonna
3 let that happen again.

4 10. **Trump:** What happened there? One of the most beautiful places that we're doing a
5 big beautification program. It'll take me very little, very short. But we're doing a
6 beautification program to go along with the security and safety. We're getting rid of
7 the graffiti, the potholes, the broken medians between roads.

8 11. **Trump:** We're doing a real job and you'd be proud of it. I think everybody here is
9 proud of it, frankly. That's our nation's capital, and that has to be clean, beautiful,
10 and safe. The US Navy always stands for Americas Your Commander in Chief. I
11 will always stand for you. I promise you that you know that. That's why you voted
12 for me and.

13 12. **Trump:** Numbers that nobody's ever seen before, and I want you to know that
14 despite the current Democrat induced shutdown, we will get our service members
15 every last penny. Don't worry about it. Don't worry about it. You'll worry about it.

16 13. **Trump:** Do not worry about it. It's all coming. It's coming. And even more
17 because I'm supporting the across the board pay raises for every sailor and service
18 member of the United States Armed Forces.

19 14. **Trump:** But we have to take care of this little gnat that's on our shoulder called the
20 Democrats. They want to give all of our money to illegal aliens that pour into the
21 country. And you know, I have a bigger heart than they do, but the problem is when
22 you do that, they come in by the millions. Everybody wants that, so you can't do it.

23 [Transcript end]

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25 Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aCzItVQRmk>

26 Date: October 6, 2025

V. Johnson Refuses Negotiation While Blaming Democrats

[Transcript Begins]

1. **Johnson:** What I would summarize as, uh, six simple truths about the shutdown. I started with the background, a review of how we got to where we are, and then talked with you about the Democrat's counter proposal and some of the absurd things that they've been demanding to reopen the government. And then I gave you an update on the current status.
2. **Johnson:** We did some questions. Well, sadly, that status has not changed. As you know, last night, uh, the Senate, uh, Democrats, the same group. Uh, voted again to keep the government closed. So that was their fifth vote to shut the government down on the American people. Uh, it is regrettable and sad and real pain is being felt by real people because of these Political shenanigans.
3. **Johnson:** So today, um, instead of the six simple truths, I'm gonna give, give you five key facts. Okay. And then we'll do some questions. I'll be more brief today. I do think it is incumbent upon us to mark the tragic anniversary of October 7th. And I'll just say just a very brief word about that.
4. **Johnson:** There's a lot that could be said, but there are protests right now around the country and around the world against Israel. And it makes no sense. We have to remember what October 7th, uh, marks was a massacre. Uh, you had 1200 people that were murdered, many of them tortured and raped. I mean, just the most heinous crimes, blood thirsty, Hamas terrorists went into, uh, villages of Jewish people in Israel and murdered babies and put them in ovens. I, it's unspeakable and I won't go into the. The gross detail of what happened, but it was just terribly, terribly tragic. And, and then of course they kidnapped 250 people. It was the the darkest day for the Jewish people since the Holocaust. And these are objective facts. And right now there are people protesting against Israel for fighting a war to defend their people in their homeland. And I would just say this very brief, I was on a radio interview this morning at WABC in New York. Um, one of my friends there is Sid Rosenberg, and he, he is the host of that program. And, and he is himself Jewish. And we were talking about this and, and, and we were talking about the good versus evil thing. And, and he said a lot of Jewish people today are dejected because they see these protests a around the globe and against the wrong side. And I just said to Sid, and I'll read it to you. I brought my Bible in here this morning. Lemme just tell you, I said Sid, I'm always comforted by this passage in, in the Psalms, the Old Testament, the Christian Old Testament. But um, this is the Psalm of the Jewish people, the Psalm of David, Psalm 37, and it says, commit your way to the Lord. Trust in him and he will do this. I read it to you. Uh, trust in the Lord and do good. Dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord. Trust in him and he will do this. He'll make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause. Like the noonday sun, it says, be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him. Do not fret. When the wicked succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. I told my friends Sid on the radio and he

was comforted by it. And I think others will be as well. We're all comforted by this. I know that the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is fully in control. We'll let that rest there.

5. **Johnson:** Um, lemme, lemme talk about the shutdown here real quick. And I, I promised you just five fast facts. Five key facts. Okay. I'm gonna start with. Leader Schumer's record because he's leading the opposition and he is the one telling the Democrats to keep the government shut down. Chuck Schumer has been in Congress for 44 years. He was first elected to the house in 1981, just for reference. I was nine years old. I was in the third grade when Chuck Schumer came here to Congress. Throughout his entire career, he has been very, very consistent about, uh, the necessity of keeping the government open. Until just now. In fact, I want to, I wanna read to you an excerpt from seven months ago, his floor speech on March 13th, 2025.

6. **Johnson:** This is Senator Chuck Schumer in March of this year, quote on the Senate floor. While the CR bill is very bad, the potential for a shutdown has consequences for America that are much, much worse. I believe it is my job to make the best choice for the country to minimize the harms of the American people. Therefore, I will vote to keep the government open and not shut it down, unquote. Now, what was Chuck Schumer talking about? The exact same bill that is on the floor today. That's what he himself said, and he did vote to keep the government open. And then during an interview with Jake Tapper on CNN, following that vote on March 14th of this year, he said, quote, I'm proud I did it. I know I did the right thing. That is Chuck Schumer himself. Today's the exact same scenario. It is the exact same vote. It is the exact same spending levels, and he has no reason whatsoever to do anything different except for the politics. So that's fact number two. Fact number one was Schumer's record fact number two. Is his calculation today. It is purely about politics. He is recognizing the reality of the political winds changing in the state of New York.

7. **Johnson:** As I mentioned yesterday, they are likely to elect a Marxist to be the mayor of New York City and Chuck sch risk terrified by that. He's been in Congress a long, long time and he is not, uh, the flavor of the day. He's not far enough left for the Marxist. And he knows he's gonna get a challenge from his left flank. So he has to show a fight against President Trump, no matter how ridiculous it is, no matter how distracting it may be to the actual issues of the day, he's gotta do that.

8. **Johnson:** Democrats have been in the political wilderness since last year's election. I got a couple of numbers for you here. Just over a week ago, Quinnipiac released a, uh, their, the, uh, the latest poll, the lowest favorability rating for the Democrat party ever recorded. They're at about 30%, 30% favorability.

9. **Johnson:** Democrats have hit historic lows and poll after poll since the beginning of this year. Wall Street Journal poll, CNBC poll, the Pew Survey, et cetera, et cetera. Um, you've all seen it. Many of you reported on it, have reported on it, and that is a fact. That is inescapable. Third Fast Fact. This morning the Democrat's record on the crs.

10. **Johnson:** You know about Chuck Schumer's record, but they've all done it. Democrats and Republicans have worked together to pass 13 crs to keep the government open under the Biden administration. In the previous four year term, Democrats supported every CR close to unanimously in the House and the Senate. In fact, their average is 99%.
11. **Johnson:** 99% of the Democrats who are voting no right now voted yes. 13 times on the almost exact same word for word, very simple CRS to keep the government open. But they won't do it. Now, the fourth fast fact this morning is the actual cost of the Democrat's CR Counter proposal. I showed you all the, the graphics and all the evidence, and it's still there on my website@speaker.gov, you can go and see the Democrat's counter proposal, what they're demanding to reopen the government and get it working for the American people again.
12. **Johnson:** It would result in nearly \$200 billion being spent on healthcare services for illegal immigrants and other non-citizens. It's enough to fund the en entire children's health insurance program, \$200 billion, and that's just part of the \$1.5 trillion in new spending that they want to hoist upon the American people For big liberal wishlists.
13. **Johnson:** In the middle of a very simple seven week stop GAPP funding measure to keep the lights on. Fifth, fast fact, and I'll take your questions. The cost of the government shutdowns for real people, so the, this results in crippling economic losses. Right now, these are the latest numbers. We've been assembling these and I'm sure you, many of you all have been reporting on it.
14. **Johnson:** Each week the shutdown continues, it will wipe out an estimated \$15 billion in our gross domestic product in our country. Uh, a month long shutdown would mean not just 750,000 federal civilian employees furloughed right now, but an additional 43,000 more unemployed Americans across the economy because that is the effect, the ripple effect that it has in the private sector.
15. **Johnson:** You could go state by state and, and we could have charts and graphs this morning and show you what it's gonna mean to every state, but what the shutdown means in the state of New York, for example. That's Chuck Schumer State. It. The impact there is a decline of \$1.2 billion per month in GDP. That is the pain that is being robbed.
16. **Johnson:** And I again have to mention that when you shut down, as they have women infants and children nutrition programs, veterans health services, the disabled, the elderly who receive healthcare at home, all these programs have now, are now being shuttered because the funding streams have have stopped. We have troops.
17. **Johnson:** We have, uh, border patrol agents, TSA, agents that are all serving, protecting all of us, protecting the country without pay right now, real hardships for real families and it cannot drag on any longer. We are pleading with the Democrats and the Senate to do the right thing. The Republicans are united 100%, and we have proven it with our votes.

18. **Johnson:** The president, the, the Republicans in the Senate, and of course the Republicans in the house. Have done the right thing. We have, we have all advocated to keep the government open. We have all voted repeatedly over and over to keep the government open and it comes down to the necessity of 60 votes. In a Senate, we only have 53 Republicans, and so we have to have a handful of Democrats who will wake up and do the right thing and stop inflicting pain on the American people so that they can score political points.

19. **Johnson:** I'll take your questions. Yes, ma'am.

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Date: October 7, 2025

VI. AG Bondi Refuses to Interview Lutnik Despite Blackmail Allegations

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1. **Senator Kennedy:** Um, I've got to ask you about this, General.
 2. **Senator Kennedy:** Secretary Howard Lutnik on October one gave an interview to the New York Post about Mr. Epstein and he described Mr. Epstein as quote the greatest black mailer ever close quote. Have you reviewed that transcript of that interview?
 3. **AG Bondi:** I have not reviewed the transcript, but I saw the clip of it.
 4. **Senator Kennedy:** Okay. It it appears that that Secretary Lutnik uh was was Mr. Epstein's next door neighbor. In fact, their their town homes um shared a wall.
 5. **Senator Kennedy:** Um and and the uh the reporter that was asking talking to Mr. uh Lutnik uh she asked how how other prominent men could have been associated with Epstein when Mr. Lutnik could immediately sense that he was a quote pervert.
 6. **Senator Kennedy:** And then Secretary Leutnik said or rather the reporter said did they see it and ignore it? Do you remember that from the interview?
 7. **AG Bondi:** I do.
 8. **Senator Kennedy:** and Commerce Secretary Lethnik said, "No, they participated." And then Commerce Secretary Lutnik goes on to say, quote, "That's what his MMO was, you know, get a massage, get a massage." And what happened in that massage room, I assume, was a video. This guy was the greatest black mailer ever. blackmail people. That's how he had money." End quote. Is that true?
 9. **AG Bondi:** Senator Kennedy, as our July memo said, "We did not uncover evidence. This case has gone through three administrations as well as former US attorney."
 10. **Senator Kennedy:** I know that, Pam, but have you have you interviewed Secretary Lutnik?
 11. **AG Bondi:** No, Senator Kennedy.
 12. **Senator Kennedy:** Do you plan to?
 13. **AG Bondi:** if he wants to talk to the FBI or the FBI wants to talk to him? Ten he is more than on
 14. **Senator Kennedy:** Don't you think you ought to talk to him after this interview?
 15. **AG Bondi:** Senator Kennedy, if if Howard Letic wants to speak to the FBI and if Director Patel wants to speak to Howard Letic. Absolutely.
 16. **Senator Kennedy:** Okay. Maybe we ought to get Mr. Letick in here too, Mr. Chairman. Senator Kennedy Wilker.

[Interview continues with other questioning]

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1 Date: October 7, 2025

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VII. Trump Declares Elimination of Democrat Programs Only

1. **Trump:** Despite all of the damage that is caused, the shutdown has been, you know, pretty damaging. I mean, it's not yet, 'cause it's early, but it gets a little bit worse as it goes along. And we'll be making cuts that will be permanent and we're only gonna cut Democrat programs. I hate to tell you. I guess that's makes sense.
2. **Trump:** But we're only cutting Democrat programs. Uh, but we're gonna start that. And we have, uh, Russell, we can talk to you about it if he wants to, but we're, we'll be cutting some. Very popular Democrat, uh, programs that aren't popular with Republicans, frankly, because that's the way it works.
3. **Trump:** They wanted to do this, so we'll give a little taste of their own medicine, but Chuck Schumer proclaimed this morning that every day gets better for them. Uh, no. Every day is it's actually getting worse for them, and they're having a rebellion in the Democrat party because they want to stop.
4. **Trump:** And if you saw all of Schumer's I watched last night, like 10 different times over the years. He said, you can't shut down government. You can't shut down. And now he's the one that shut it down.

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Date: October 9, 2025

VIII. Trump Claims Shutdown 'Devastating' to Democrats

[Transcript begins with irrelevant press]

1. **Press:** Mr. President, could you cut through the politics on the shutdown? We had another failed vote today. Can you speak to our viewers from Orlando to Sacramento? What's your message to some of these families tonight facing missed paychecks, potential layoffs, and missed benefits due to the shutdown.

2. **Trump:** Yeah, I blame the Democrats. They ought to call their local Democrat representative, whether it's a senator or a congressman. And it's their fault. I mean, they admit it. It's their fault. They campaigned on the fact that they'd never shut down the country, but they wanted to shut it down.

2. **Trump:** And, you know, we have the greatest economy. We're the hottest country in the world right now. I think you'd admit that. The hottest country. We went from a dead country a year ago to the hottest in the whole world. So I think they probably don't like that. But. We're doing great. I mean, we're doing great.

2. **Trump:** I would say my message is call your local representative congressman or senator and tell them to get on the ball.

[Transcript continues with irrelevant press]

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWOP0yam6DM>

Date: October 9, 2025

1 **IX. Trump Announces Ultra Vires Military Pay Appropriations**
2 [Image Exhibit - See attached file: EXHIBIT A-48 Donald Trump Announces Ultra Vires
3 Military Pay Appropriations Without Congressional Authorization.jpeg]

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X. Trump Claims Democrats are Getting Killed in Shutdown

[Transcript begins]

1. **Trump:** I mean, I know 'em, they love me. She'll never tell 'em to go after Trump. 'cause they love me and I love them. And I got, I got a tremendous police vote and military vote, you know, and firemen vote all of them. No, I think she is, um, hurting Boston. The answer is yes. If somebody is doing a bad job, and if I feel there's unsafe conditions, I would call Johnny the head of fifa, who's phenomenal and I would say, let's move it to another location.
2. **Trump:** And he would do that, he'd. Wouldn't love to do it, but he'd do it very easily. He'd do it. And this is the right time to do it. If, if I thought Boston was doing something that was going to be, cause safety conditions for the uh, you know, world Cup. I could say the same thing for the Olympics. 'cause you know, we have events that are in different locations for the Olympics.
3. **Trump:** It's based in la Uh, if I thought LA was not gonna be prepared properly, I would move it to another location if I had to. On that one, I'd probably have to get a different kind of a permission, but we would do that. Uh, Gavin Newsom, he's gotta get his act together because had we not gone in at the beginning of my term, had we not gone in with a very strong, powerful force, they would've lost la.
4. **Trump:** Now you already lost 25,000 houses to fires. You got a big scar right in the middle of the city. And that should have never happened because they should have had the water flowing in from the Pacific Northwest. All they had to do was open up the valves. He didn't want to do it, and he didn't want to do it.
5. **Trump:** He says for environmental reasons, I don't believe that, but you know, for some reason he didn't want to do it unless 25,000. He had no, no water in the fire pumps. He had no water in the sprinkler systems. In the ceilings. There were no houses that normally the things would go in the you. You might not have lost.
6. **Trump:** You might not have lost two houses. So if he, uh, if he doesn't play ball, we're gonna have to be very tough with him. He's done a, a bad job. You know, uh, just to finish off on that, so when we went in, we did a phenomenal job. We went in with Great Force and that was the end of it. We put it out, we extinguished that fire, which was agitation, and, uh, it was a very dangerous position to be in, and we went and did a great job.
7. **Trump:** But the head, the chief, said, we could have never done this without. President Trump and without the federal government coming in. Okay, that was it. He said that now, two or three weeks later, he said, oh, we could've done it, but he knows he couldn't. The city was gonna be taken over if I didn't go in. And you have to remember that Los Angeles was going to be taken over and we have it, uh, where the chief said it, I believe numerous times.
8. **Trump:** But that was as it was happening. That was a rough one. That was nasty. And if we saw a situation like that, yeah, we'd be forced to make a move, uh, Boston. Better clean up their act. That's all I can say.

1 9. **Trump:** Go ahead. One more question.

2 10. **Press:** Mr. President. President should federal workers President, yeah, please. Do
3 you feel any urgency to end the shutdown in the next week, two weeks, or would
4 you be fine if the stretch is in in November and then toward the holidays with folks
5 not getting paid?

6 11. **Trump:** Well, you know, shutdown, we've had many, many shutdowns and this is
7 a shutdown that shouldn't have happened. A group of people brilliantly decided to
8 make it after the election. I said, thank you very much. In other words, give it to
9 Trump instead of Biden. So it shouldn't happen. And likewise, debt ceiling
10 shouldn't have.

11 12. **Trump:** But the, the big great big, beautiful bill, uh, solved the debt ceiling
12 problem for how do you, is there a point where you would reach out to all parties?
13 What's happening in the shutdown though? Honestly, can I put it in plain words for
14 you? And you're a smart guy so you all understand, but a lot of people don't.

15 13. **Trump:** The Democrats are getting killed on the shutdown because we're closing
16 up programs that are Democrat programs that we were opposed to. So we're being
17 able and, and they're never gonna come back in many cases. So we're being able to
18 do things that we were unable to do before. So we're closing up programs that are
19 Democrat programs that we wanted to close up or that we never wanted to happen,
20 and now we're closing them up.

21 14. **Trump:** And we're not gonna let 'em come back. The Democrats are getting killed
22 and we're gonna have a list of them on Friday closing up some of the most
23 egregious socialist, anti-communist, probably not full communist. We're saving that
24 for New York, but semi communist programs and we're closing them up. We're not
25 closing up Republican programs 'cause we think they work.

26 15. **Trump:** So the Democrats are getting killed, but they're not telling the people
27 about that. I say it, nobody, well, I haven't said it probably as bluntly as I just said
28 it, but so we are closing up Democrat programs that we think that we disagree with
29 and they're never gonna open again. Thank you very much. Thank you everybody.

30 [Transcript ends]

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XI. Johnson: SNAP Distribution Takes Pressure Off Democrats

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1. Is that this has been a stalemate for 30 days, and it's not just Democrats. one of the most conservative Republican senators, Josh Hawley, who says at least, please, move money around to feed people. Why not consider that?
 2. Because if you deviate from the goal of reopening the entire government, Chuck Schumer and the radicals over there will continue to play games with people's paychecks, their livelihoods, and if you do just part of this, it will reduce their pressure for them to do all of it, to do their basic job, and that is reopen the government.
 3. This is very real and very serious, and they can end it today. They can do it right now. All they have to do is, we just need five more Democrats in the Senate to help us reach the 60 vote threshold. We don't have enough Republicans to do the right thing on our own. We need to [Reporter interjects: Does it give you the right...] do the right thing.

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XII. Trump States SNAP Recipients Are Largely Democrats

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1. All they have to do the say the government is open and thats the end of it. And, you know, largely, when you talk about snap, you're talking about largely Democrats, but I'm President, I want to help everybody. I want to help Democrats and Republicans. But when you're talking about Snap, if you look, its largely Democrats, they're hurting the real people.
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