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## WILL CONGRESS ABOLISH USAID?

A federal bill introduced by U.S. Representative Greg Stuebe in early February, would abolish and eliminate the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and halt all its federal funding. Instead, it would redirect unspent taxpayer funds and transferring its assets and key responsibilities to the U.S. Department of State. This comes parallel to the White House pausing funding of USAID pending an audit of how funds are spent. When asked about the purpose of the bill, Representative Steube said, "USAID has funneled billions of American tax dollars into bloated, inefficient foreign aid programs that are riddled with waste, corruption and ideological bias." The U.S. Representative continued, "The agency has not aligned with U.S. national interests, and slammed its history of funding projects that undermine American sovereignty and security... American taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize misguided globalist experiments that do nothing to strengthen our country or protect our interests abroad." To become law, the bill must advance through committee in the House, then the House floor, and the full Senate before heading to the President's desk.

**SCRIPTURE:** Proverbs 21:20; Luke 16:11.

**PRAY:** Government exercises financial stewardship.

**ACTION:** In your own words, write a postcard to U.S. Representative Greg Stuebe, thanking him for his boldness in demanding financial stewardship over agencies, such as USAID. The Honorable W. Gregory Steube: 2457 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC, 20515-0917.

<https://flvoicenews.com/rep-greg-steube-files-bill-to-abolish-usaid-and-transfer-responsibilities-to-state-department/>  
<https://thehill.com/regulation/court-battles/5143694-federal-judge-extends-block-trump-administration/>

## WOMEN'S SPORTS ARE JUST FOR WOMEN

NCAA President Charlie Baker recently affirmed, "We strongly believe that clear, consistent, and uniform eligibility standards would best serve today's student-athletes instead of a patchwork of conflicting state laws and court decisions." He concluded, "To that end, President Trump's order provides a clear, national standard." Baker's words in early February came on the heels of an executive presidential order plainly stating the intention to "protect opportunities for women and girls to compete in safe and fair sports." It rescinded "all funds from educational programs that deprive women and girls of fair athletic opportunities, which results in the endangerment, humiliation, and silencing of women and girls

and deprives them of privacy." The order continues, "It shall also be the policy of the United States to oppose male competitive participation in women's sports more broadly, as a matter of safety, fairness, dignity, and truth." Following the NCAA announcement, women's sports activist Riley Gaines shared on social media, "I can't even begin to tell you how vindicating it feels knowing no girl will ever have to experience what my teammates and I did."

**SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 1:27.

**PRAY:** Praise God for His wisdom and creative order.

**ACTION:** In your own words, write a postcard to Riley Gaines, thanking her for her courage and commitment to protect women's sports. Riley Gaines, The Leadership Institute: 1101 N Highland St, Arlington, Virginia, 22201.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/02/keeping-men-out-of-womens-sports/>  
[https://www.espn.com/college-sports/story/\\_/id/43722332/ncaa-adjusts-transgender-policy-wake-trump-executive-order](https://www.espn.com/college-sports/story/_/id/43722332/ncaa-adjusts-transgender-policy-wake-trump-executive-order)

## WELCOME HOME!

Gaunt and visibly distressed, the three Israeli hostages freed on February 8 from Gaza in the ceasefire deal, Or Levy, Eli Sharabi and Ohad Ben Ami, hobbled to freedom after 491 days in Hamas captivity. They now face the arduous task of recovery and rehabilitation, a journey that could take the rest of their lives. "I've learned in the trauma field... that even after a lot of suffering, human beings can bounce back, which is the literal translation of resilience," Dr. Danny Brom, founding director of Metiv, The Israel Psychotrauma Center, told The Times of Israel. The release of Israeli hostages by Hamas marks a significant turning point in the ongoing conflict that erupted following Hamas' massacre of Israelis on October 7, 2023. In the brutal assault, over 1,200 people were killed, and 251 individuals were taken hostage. Phase One of the hostage release agreement includes the release of 33 of the remaining hostages to be freed over a six-week period; Phase Two includes negotiating the release of 65 remaining hostages and is being carefully monitored by President Trump.

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 18:4-6; Psalm 68:20.

**PRAY:** God brings all Israeli hostages home safely.

**ACTION:** In your own words, write a postcard to President Trump, stating your strong support for Israel on behalf of the United States. President Donald J. Trump: The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20500.  
<https://www.aic.org/news/who-are-the-israeli-hostages-being-released-full-schedule-and-latest-updates>  
<https://www.timesofisrael.com/traumatized-and-tortured-freed-hostages-face-arduous-road-to-recovery/>

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION GETS AXED

An executive order signed at the White House placed federal diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) staff on leave by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 22, 2025. This action set up massive layoffs for employees who injected the ideology into government office. The order asserts the [previous] administration forced illegal and immoral discrimination programs, going by the name "diversity, equity, and inclusion" (DEI), into virtually all aspects of the Federal Government, in areas ranging from airline safety to the military. All agencies were required to

provide the federal government with a "reduction-in-force" plan for all DEI employees, meaning those employees will ultimately be terminated. The executive order continues, "[N]early every federal agency and entity submitted 'Equity Action Plans' to detail the ways that they have furthered DEIs infiltration of the Federal Government. The public release of these plans demonstrated immense public waste and shameful discrimination. That ends today. Americans deserve a government committed to serving every person with equal dignity and respect."

**SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 1:26; Exodus 18:21.

**PRAY:** We will see others the way God sees them.

**ACTION:** For a Prayer and Action Meeting, read the above Scriptures and pray that God will remove division based on external characteristics.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/ending-radical-and-wasteful-government-dei-programs-and-preferencing/>  
<https://www.fedsmith.com/2025/01/22/employees-being-placed-on-admin-leave-as-dei-offices-prepare-to-be-shuttered/>

### 'NEWS' COMMERCIALS BEING INVESTIGATED

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chair Brendan Carr is launching an investigation into NPR and PBS over their alleged "airing of commercials." He announced, "I am concerned that NPR and PBS broadcasts could be violating federal law by airing commercials...[i]n particular, it is possible that NPR and PBS member stations are broadcasting underwriting announcements that cross the line into prohibited commercial advertisements." Carr's letter comes as President Trump and other conservatives have railed against public broadcasters in recent years, alleging bias and suggesting taxpayer dollars should not go to fund the outlets. In the face of suggestions of impropriety, NPR President and CEO Katherine Mahan maintains of the media outlet, "[It] complies with federal regulations, including the FCC guidelines on underwriting messages for noncommercial educational broadcasters, and Member stations are expected to be in compliance as well" stating confidence that any review of programming and underwriting practices will confirm adherence to these rules."

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 4:18, 1 Peter 2:16, 1 John 4:1.

**PRAY:** Broadcasters honor God with truth in journalism.

**ACTION:** In your own words, write a postcard to FCC Chair Brendan Carr, thanking him for taking measures to protect the integrity of public TV. Chair Brendan Carr, Federal Communications Commission: 45 L Street NE Washington, DC 20554.  
<https://dailycaller.com/2025/01/31/trumps-fcc-chair-cracks-downs-worst-actors-liberal-media-npr-pbs/>  
<https://thehill.com/homenews/media/5116951-fcc-npr-pbs-trump-administration-carr/>

### S&L Recommended Book:

***Moving Beyond the COVID-19 Lies***

by Dr. Bryan Artis

From the back cover: "It is time to turn the page and end the chapter called COVID-19 once and for all. **We have all suffered enough** in our own personal ways. In this book, I will expose the truth about COVID-19, the vaccines, and

other dangerous drugs, providing many solutions to help everyone **heal and become healthy again.**"

### MARCH 17<sup>th</sup> LECTURE: DR. BRYAN ARDIS

"Bird Flu: All Medical Research Has Published, and All You Need to Know."

To Register: <https://www.saltandlightcouncil.org/upcoming-lecture-series/>

### REPENTANCE & RESTORATION DAILY PRAYER

Start your mornings off right with half an hour of prayer. Pray for our states and nation, as well as for Israel. See our daily prayer calendar for daily prayer topics, including our U.S. Constitution and Amendments, national officials, and state legislators. Visit the website for more information.

<https://www.randprayer.org/>

### SALT & LIGHT MINISTRY MOMENT:

NOTE: Ministry Moment is for educational purposes only. The information offered by organizations is from their websites and should not be used as a substitute for your research.

### THE WHITE ROSE RESISTANCE

Seth Gruber —Founder

The White Rose Resistance is the fastest-growing pro-life non-profit in America, committed to confronting the silence of the American church on abortion and inspiring action. Holding a steadfast focus on exposing the truth by highlighting the historical and societal evil that has culminated in our current culture of death, The organization is bringing to light what has been in the dark for far too long. The White Rose Resistance was launched after the overturning of Roe v. Wade in 2022 and is building up a new generation of pro-life warriors dedicated to truth and the sanctity of life. During its national church tour in 2022-2023, speaking at 26 different churches and preaching a message on the history of the abortion industry and Planned Parenthood founder, Margaret Sanger, the number one response the ministry received from the congregants of faithful, Bible-preaching churches was, "I've never heard any of this before." In 2024, Seth Gruber published a book, entitled *1916 Project* and its companion film of the same name exposing the hidden history of the secular moral revolution, as well as the architects of our current culture of child sacrifice.

**SCRIPTURE:** Proverbs 82:4, Proverbs 6:16-17.

**PRAY:** God emboldens Christians to protect the preborn.

**ACTION:** For a Prayer and Action Meeting, sign up to host a screening of the film, *1916 Project*.

<https://thewhiterose.life/about/>; <https://the1916project.com/>