

The Trump Administration has crossed the line. Every single week, they get into controversy after controversy in this constitutional crisis. Let's recap what has happened to the US in the past 3 months Trump has been president for.

- He's imposed, then stopped, then reimposed tariffs on Mexico, Canada and China
- He's renamed the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America and Denali to Mount McKinley
- He's rebuilding the wall on the Mexican border... and saying the Mexicans should pay for it
- He's fired thousands of government employees with the 'Fork in the Road' email
- He's tried dissolving the USAID
- He's set up a government agency that can access private data from many departments (DOGE)
- He's pardoned hundreds of members who took part in the January 6th insurrection

And much, much more...

So, what is he trying to do?

According to Trump, these 3 countries are refusing to put effort against illegal drugs and migrants into the USA... with 0 concrete proof. He and his commerce secretary Howard Lutnick say these tariffs are worth it, even though the 3 countries make up 40% of American imports and 9.2 million tons of steel were imported from Canada and Mexico alone in 2024.

But what are tariffs?

A tariff is a tax imposed on domestic businesses/people importing goods from abroad. For example, if an American company wants to buy Canadian steel (the country which America buys the most steel from), the American company would have to pay the US government 25% of the price the company bought for, so if a company bought \$100,000 worth of Canadian steel, they'd have to pay an extra \$25,000 to the government.

The aim of tariffs is to stop businesses to buy products abroad and force them to shift to domestic markets. However, in this case tariffs are terrible, as Wall Street economists predict a recession as Wall Street shares stall, while the Dow Jones industrial average went down 1.5%, and many call it the 'Trumpcession'. Alarmingly, Trump hasn't ruled out the possibility of a recession or inflation and has warned businesses to brace for transition.

But this isn't the only bad of the Trump Administration – meet the DOGE!

The Department of Government Efficiency is a new government agency created by Trump and run by billionaires Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy. This may not seem too

bad; it's just an agency run by Musk's henchmen designed to keep the government running efficiently. Except it's doing the opposite!

On January 28th, just 8 days after DOGE was created, up to 2 million government employees were sent an email titled 'A Fork in the Road' – the same email that was sent to thousands of Twitter workers when Musk bought the company.

The email gave government employees the option to resign on a paid leave, and giving options for future careers outside of the US government. But that isn't even the worst part! In the USAID (United States Agency for International Development), every single employee was laid off and all foreign funds were frozen. It couldn't get worse than that- wait, yes it could.

Following these events, DOGE practically raided the Treasury and gained access to the \$6 trillion in spending for Social Security, Medicare, federal salaries etc., practically giving them free reign with the information of millions of Americans.

Many lawsuits have been filed against DOGE, including by the USAID, but the trials could take years.

We don't know what Trump has in plan for the next 4 years, but all we know is it'll be a very bumpy ride.